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Carrying the WinStar silks, Cal Nation is out of the A.P. Indy mare She's a Winner, from the Phipps family of Dance Number, and sired by Distorted Humor.



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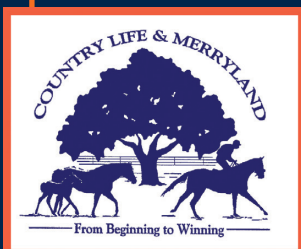
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POST TIME

BIG SKY COUNTRY. Laurel Park does its best Montana impression as a runner heads back to the barn in August.

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SAY IT AGAIN

“As a yearling, he looked like he could jump the moon.”

Trainer Keith Desormeaux, about his athletic-looking yearling purchase Exaggerator

“If you break your maiden you’re pretty much a stakes horse by default.”

Trainer Phil Schoenthal, about opportunities for 2-year-olds after first-time starter Fly won at Laurel Aug. 5

“I just wear what she lays out on the bed.”

Kirkwood Stables’ Kip Elser, after getting a compliment on his shirt (nice choice, Helen)

“I’m trying to build the brand. I’ll bring the cowboy hat back next year.”

Sales consignor Stuart Morris, on why he’s wearing a baseball cap with his logo and not the usual Stetson

“I was going to do one and then two, like everybody does and like we do. He’s 9, so if he doesn’t know how to jump by now I don’t know what I’m going to do to help him.”

Trainer Elizabeth Voss, on why she had Bob Le Beau jump just one fence while schooling the day before his A.P. Smithwick win

“It’s great, but there’s always another race. You never look as good as your last win. Last night we won for the same owners at Charles Town.”

Delacour, who won the first Grade 1 of his career at Saratoga July 30—but was thinking about going back to work

“What about my pizza?”

Jump jockey Willie McCarthy to trainer Jena Antonucci, who suggested he ride on the flat



CHAMPIONSHIP FORM. Virginia-bred Stellar Wind, Eclipse Award-winning 3-year-old filly of 2015, got her first win of the year in Del Mar’s Clement L. Hirsch Stakes-G1 July 30, shocking three-time Eclipse Award winner Beholder. Stellar Wind had been second to Beholder in June. Stellar Wind became the 31st millionaire to hail from Virginia when she pushed her lifetime earnings to \$1,173,200 from 10 starts.

GO FIGURE

8 Preakness winners to also win the Haskell. Exaggerator joins Deputed Testamony, Point Given, War Emblem, Big Brown, Rachel Alexandra, Lookin At Lucky and American Pharoah.

7 rides for Kent Desormeaux in the Haskell, his first coming in 1988 with Private Terms. His first of two wins came aboard Big Brown in 2008.

1 Arizona-bred steeplechase horse. Boogie Feeva races for Maryland trainer Todd Wyatt and owner Luna Stable.

2 Maryland-breds in a steeplechase photo finish at Saratoga Aug. 3. Dr. Skip, bred by Michael Cataneo, defeated Top Striker, bred by Sycamore Hall Farm, by a nose in a \$70,000 hurdle handicap.

21 Consecutive starts in Grade 1 company for steeplechaser Demonstrative, who was retired after the A.P. Smithwick Memorial Aug. 4.

NAMES OF THE MONTH

Acini Di Pepe: The 6-year-old gelding, bred in New Jersey and owned by D'Arrigo Racing Stable, is out of Soup It Up. Acini Di Pepe is a type of pasta frequently found in soup.

Code Red: The 2-year-old filly is the first winner for Virginia sire Friend Or Foe out of Dash Dot Dash.

Parabola: The 10-year-old gelding, who reached 100 starts this year at Charles Town, is by Trajectory.

Sideling Hill: Jim Steele's 4-year-old gelding is by Rock Slide and if you've driven on I-68 West from Maryland you've driven through Sideling Hill.

Dapper Dan: The 4-year-old Virginia-bred gelding is by Pleasantly Perfect out of Wardrobe

THE RACING BIZ

The Independent Voice for Mid-Atlantic Racing and Breeding

Rick Wilson's competitive fire:

Twelve years after suffering a horrific, career-ending injury, jockey Rick Wilson still misses riding, and the "chance to compete on a daily basis." Doug McCoy caught up with one of the Mid-Atlantic's toughest riders.

Follows dad's footsteps—in a tractor:

Delaware Park track superintendent Kenny Wilson is following in his father Rick's footsteps—sort of—and learning as he goes, wrote McCoy.

Safety first for new Delaware safety steward:

"It all comes back to the horses. They are the key," says new Delaware Park safety steward Reese Howard, who focuses on horses and riders. McCoy filed the report.

Steve Asmussen's WVBC connection:

Ted Black digs up a story from 30 years ago, when struggling young trainer Steve Asmussen won on West Virginia Breeders Classics night at Charles Town.

Vet in Suffused case fined, removed from Lasix duty:

The veterinarian who failed to give Suffused Lasix and necessitated her scratch from the Grade 3 Dick Memorial at Delaware Park, has been fined. Vespe provided a follow up.

Pennsylvania governor says legislative fix needed for breeding snafu:

The fix to Pennsylvania's Breeding Fund impasse must come from the legislature, Gov. Tom Wolf said in a strongly worded letter to the state breeders group. Vespe reported.

Spa Diary—Andrew Motion: For the first time, consignor Andrew Motion—trainer Graham's brother—was selling at the Saratoga select sale. Teresa Genaro caught up with him the week-end before the sale.

FOR CAROLYN GRAY, A LONG, NERVOUS WAIT

This year's Grade 1 Delaware Handicap wasn't decided until the stewards dismissed a claim of foul against the winner, I'm a Chatterbox. The following excerpt is from an interview Frank Vespe had that afternoon with the winning owner. Visit www.TheRacingBiz.com to read it in its entirety.

A week earlier, Carolyn Gray said, she'd been mucking out stalls at her and her husband Fletcher's Missouri farm.

On Saturday, though, she was in the winner's circle at Delaware Park, anxiously awaiting the stewards' decision as to whether her horse, I'm a Chatterbox, would be taken down from first place in the Grade 1 Delaware Handicap after breaking inward, bumping the horse to her inside, and causing a chain reaction that affected runner-up Paid Up Subscriber.

"Well, I have to say it was a déjà vu," said Fletcher, whose star lost a Grade 1 victory via disqualification last year. "I couldn't believe it. So it was nerve-wracking."

After anxious moments for all parties, the stewards decided to leave the winner up.

That worked for Gray.

"We're ecstatic," she said. "[I'm a Chatterbox has] just been wonderful. She's consistent and she tries hard, and she loves her work."

Yet it's safe to say that Gray's joy was not unalloyed; there were some complications there.

"It's so hard—we haven't had a prohibitive favorite like this," Gray said of Chatterbox, who went off at 3-5. "I mean, people love her, they just do, and a lot of it's her name. But it's so hard to watch everybody gunning for her, and we really haven't been in that spot before. So I'm always just a little protective because she's a girl. Don't be gunning for her."

Yet gunning for her they are. I'm a Chatterbox has been odds-on in all three of her 2016 starts, and she figures to get plenty of betting support in her next start, possibly, said Gray, in Saratoga. In the longer term, which isn't all that long term anymore, a return trip to the Breeders' Cup is in the offing. Chatterbox finished eighth in last year's Breeders' Cup Distaff-G1.

Though it may be hard to see rivals gunning for her farm's star, it beats the alternative.

"It's just really fun to win. No matter where you are, it just is," Gray laughed.

"We really appreciate the fact that we bred them and we raised them because they're like our kids. We've seen them since the time they were born," she added. "It's just like going to one of your kids' recitals and having them be the star."

Except in this case, the kid also earns the family a \$450,000 payday. After, of course, a few anxious moments waiting for the stewards.

MILESTONES

Added: To the Delaware Park wall of fame, trainer Richard Handlen. He trained for William duPont Jr.'s Foxcatcher Farm for three decades, won the first Delaware Handicap with Rosenna (1937) and was the first trainer to win the Santa Anita Derby and Santa Anita Handicap in the same year. He also trained Foxcatcher greats Parlo, Chevation, Fairy Chant, Preakness winner Dauber and champion 3-year-old filly of 1960 Berlo. Handlen joins trainers Henry Clark, Buddy Raines, Carl Hanford, Frank Whiteley Jr., Oscar White and Bud Delp on the wall of fame.

Loaned: To the Meadow Event Park, in honor of the 80th anniversary of the founding of Meadow Stable, racing memorabilia from the personal collection of the Chenery family by Penny Chenery. Christopher T. Chenery founded the stable in 1936 and went on to breed and race some of racing's all-time greats, including Triple Crown winner (and Virginia-bred) Secretariat. On display will be the starter's bell from Meadow Training Center, Hill Prince's 1950 Horse of the Year plaque, Chenery's 1950 Breeder of the Year

plaque, Riva Ridge's 1972 horseshoe plaque, Hildene's 1992 Virginia Equine Hall of Fame plaque and numerous other personal effects and memorabilia. For more, see meadoweventpark.com.

Won: The first Grade 1 of his training career, Marylander Arnaud Delacour, when A. P. Indian won the Alfred G. Vanderbilt Handicap at Saratoga July 30. Delacour and his wife Leigh are based at Fair Hill Training Center and Delaware Park. A. P. Indian ran his record to four wins in as many starts this year with the 6-furlong score. The Kentucky-bred son of Indian Charlie opened 2016 with stakes wins at Monmouth Park and Parx Racing.



The Chenery family collection includes a pair of Christopher T. Chenery's riding boots, photos, and the starter's bell used at the training center.



COURTESY OF MEADOW EVENT PARK (2)

Completed: By the Stronach Group the purchase of Prince George's Gaming Ventures, the holding company of Rosecroft Raceway Standardbred track in Maryland, from Penn National Gaming Aug. 2. The move clears the way for Stronach to expand its simulcast network.

Passed: The \$2 million mark in career earnings, with a second in the Northern Panhandle Stakes Aug. 6 at Mountaineer, West Virginia-bred star Russell Road. Through Aug. 15, the 10-year-old gelding had won exactly half his 62 starts and finished second 14 times in a career that started in 2008. Since then, he's won the West Virginia Breeders Classic three times (and finished second twice) for owner Mark Russell and trainer James Casey.

Named: As state breeders of the year for 2016, Dance Forth Farm (Maryland), Holly Crest Farm (New Jersey), Chandley Farm (North Carolina), Franklin "Goree" Smith (South Carolina) and Keswick Stables (Virginia). The awards will be presented at TOBA's annual National Awards Dinner at Stonestreet Farm in Lexington, Ky., Sept. 10.

Recorded: His 1,000th win, jockey Antonio Gallardo at Presque Isle Downs aboard The Fazz Man July 19. The track's two-time leading rider, on top again, won with four of his five mounts on the day. It was his second four-win day at the track that month.

Mid-Atlantic-bred yearlings sell at Saratoga

A dozen yearlings bred in the Mid-Atlantic sold at Fasig-Tipton's annual select sale of yearlings Aug. 8-9 at Saratoga Springs, N.Y. The group included five Pennsylvania-breds, four Virginia-breds, two from Maryland and one from West Virginia.

Virginia-based consignor Andrew Motion of Old Chapel Farm led the way with a \$285,000 filly sold to Dr. Stephen Carr. Bred in Pennsylvania by Blackstone Farm, the filly is a daughter of Ghostzapper and the Elusive Quality mare Amber Grace. Motion purchased her for \$65,000 as a weanling at the Keeneland November breeding stock sale. The bay filly is from the family of English champion and stakes producer Russian Rhythm.

A Virginia-bred Paynter colt out of the Distorted Humor mare Hottie Dancer brought

\$255,000. Sold by Bluewater Sales to Saratoga Seven Racing Partners, the bay is from the family of Grade 1 winner Pike Place Dancer and Grade 2 winner Petionville among others. Jim and Katie Fitzgerald bred the Paynter colt. Pennsylvania nursery Blackstone bred two others to reach \$200,000.

Bloodstock agent Steve Young bought a Blackstone-bred filly by The Factor for \$240,000. Sold by Darby Dan Farm, the bay filly lists such standouts as Hymn Book, Database, Data Link and Strike the Bell on her pedigree page. Third dam Songlines won several stakes in the Mid-Atlantic and was graded stakes-placed for Maryland-based trainer Taylor Jackson.

A Blackstone-bred Pioneer of the Nile colt sold for \$200,000 to Cedar Creek. Consigned by Warrendale Sales, the dark bay is from the fam-

ily of graded stakes winners Electrify, Rothko and Cream Only.

A West Virginia-bred filly by Shanghai Bobby out of the Chief's Crown mare Cecilia's Crown sold for \$245,000 to JSM Equine. Consigned by Paramount Sales, the dark bay/brown filly is a half-sister to seven winners including multiple Charles Town stakes winner Princess Cecilia. The Saratoga filly was bred by Catherine Jennings and Scott Mallory.

Maryland breeder Caroline Stautberg sold two Maryland-breds for \$150,000 each, a colt by Orb and a filly by Scat Daddy. The former, out of the Easy Goer mare Fun Crowd and therefore a half-brother to Grade 1 winner Funny Moon, went Michael Freedman Racing. The latter, out of the Elusive Quality mare Broad Quality, was purchased by Florida horseman J.J. Crupi.

With a Reightler consigned yearling, the sky really is the limit.

Graduates include TEN stakes horses in 2015 and 2016 alone, including TWO NOTCH ROAD (\$405,503), BRENDA'S WAY (\$350,752), MAYLA (\$203,259), GREAT SOUL (2 wins in 4 starts), ONEPOINTTWENTYONE (2 wins in 3 starts), etc.

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It's an oft-repeated scene. A caring, responsible breeder/owner walks into a field and points out a cherished, pensioned broodmare. She tells of how much the horse has meant to her family and her entire operation. These are the good stories; the happy endings.

This particular case, however, is just a bit special. The owner is Gretchen Jackson of Lael Stables, and the mare is La Ville Rouge, dam of Barbaro.

"Come on, Ville Rouge. . . come on."

Jackson leads the way and points to the bay mare grazing farthest away. The rest pick up their heads, intrigued by approaching visitors. Initially, La Ville Rouge keeps to the task at hand, disinterested.

It's an impressive little group. The Paul Mellon-bred You'd Be Surprised, 27, won multiple graded stakes, including two Grade 1s—Saratoga's John A. Morris Handicap and the Top Flight Handicap at Belmont.

Belle Cherie, 20, also won the Top Flight as well as the Turnback the Alarm and Honey Bee Handicaps and Miss Grillo Stakes, all Grade 3s. She is the dam of multiple stakes winner Beau Choix, now at stud in Florida.

Long before she produced the iconic Kentucky Derby winner and his four full-siblings, La Ville Rouge was purchased privately by Jackson and her husband Roy as a 2-year-old in 1998.

By Carson City out of the King's Bishop mare La Reine Rouge, she was bred in Florida by Givens Farm. Originally sold as a yearling at Keeneland in 1997, she was purchased by John B. Penn for \$42,000. Penn pinhooked her six months later at the Ocala Breeders' select 2-year-old sale, and Maycroft Farm signed the ticket for \$130,000.

She carried the Maycroft silks in her first four starts at 2, breaking her maiden at Belmont Park in her third attempt and then finishing second in the Grade 3 Tempted Stakes. She caught the attention of the Jacksons, and she joined their racing stable. Her first start in Lael Stables' green and blue came in the 1998 Demoiselle Stakes-G2.

She finished sixth behind Tutorial, who was disqualified and placed fifth. The filly who was put up for the win would herself become quite the producer—Better Than Honour, dam of Rags to Riches and Jazil.

The female foal crop of 1996 issued a few notables, in fact. La Ville Rouge also headed postward with Tap Your Heels, dam of Tapit, and multiple graded stakes winner Oh What a Windfall, victorious in the 1998 Matron Stakes-G1.

At first trained for the Jacksons by Phil Serpe, La Ville Rouge spent time in the barn of Graham Motion before moving to veteran New York conditioner and Hall of Famer P.G. Johnson.

"Mr. Johnson preferred to stay in New York," Jackson said. "La Ville Rouge placed in several graded stakes there."

Johnson kept the filly busy during her 4-year-old season in 2000; she ran in seven graded stakes at Aqueduct and Belmont Park. She won two allowance races, finished second in the Noble Damsel Handicap-G3 and third in the Grade 2 Sheepshead Bay and Long Island Handicaps. She retired at the end of that season after 25 starts and a 6-3-4 record, earning \$262,594.

She joined the Jacksons' band of broodmares, then kept at Mill Ridge Farm in Lexington, Ky. Sent as a maiden to Saint Ballado, she foaled a chestnut colt in 2002. Named Holy Ground, he made nine starts and earned \$98,280. Among his three wins was Delaware Park's Stanton Stakes in 2005.

It was her next breeding that would change not only Thoroughbred racing as a whole, but the course of the Jacksons' lives.

"We used to sit down and discuss it all with Headley Bell [at Mill Ridge], and I think that's probably where we started when she retired," said Roy Jackson. "I think she was the first mare we bred to Dynaformer."

From that cover, La Ville Rouge foaled a big, strong bay colt on April 29, 2003.

"He was like an ugly duckling as a baby; he was gangly. And he really bulked out," Gretchen Jackson said. "He grew the muscles over his frame. You knew he had to grow into himself. As a weanling, he got a splint on his foreleg and had to stay in the barn for probably two weeks. And he handled it. Was that an indication he was smart? I think it was."

"They sort of developed between yearlings and 2-year-olds," her husband added. "They were all heart."

Barbaro demonstrated that trait quickly, winning a maiden special weight at Delaware Park in his first start in

October 2005. Trainer Michael Matz wasted no time, sending him to Laurel Park for the historic Laurel Futurity. It was a repeat of his debut, another easy score.

On to Florida for his sophomore campaign, he reeled off consecutive grand performances in Calder's Tropical Park Derby-G3 and Gulfstream's Holy Bull Stakes-G3 and Florida Derby-G1.

On May 6, 2006, the undefeated colt headed to the paddock at Churchill Downs for the 132nd Kentucky Derby. Barbaro flew home 6½ lengths ahead of the accomplished field of 20.

For Gretchen Jackson, there was never a question.

"Going into the Derby, I was more than certain he was going to win. I just knew it."

A hero was exalted, a nation fell in love, and private citizens from West Grove, Pa., became instant celebrities.

Two weeks later, Barbaro's career ended in sadness and tragedy at Pimlico in the Preakness Stakes. Extraordinary efforts were made over the next eight months to save his life, and his legion of devoted fans followed along, hanging

on every word and update. On Jan. 29, 2007, the valiant colt succumbed. . . and Thoroughbred racing was heartbroken.

Over the following years, Dynaformer matings produced four full-brothers to Barbaro, three stakes horses: Nicanor (2006), Lentenor (2007) and Margano (2009).

Multiple stakes-placed Nicanor earned \$147,697 and stands at stud at Shamrock Farm in Woodbine, Md. His first foals are 2-year-olds this season.

Stakes winner Lentenor, now standing at Indiana Stallion Station in Anderson, Ind., was represented by his first winner, 2-year-old Macy's Attitude, in July.

Margano was most successful of the three on the racetrack. Winner of the 2013 Eight Thirty Stakes at Delaware Park and the PTHA President's Cup Stakes at Parx Racing in 2014, he earned \$373,969 in 30 lifetime starts. Powerfully built and dark bay like his sire, the gelding is retired at the Jacksons' Lael Farm where his constant companion is another of their best runners—Showing Up. After a brief career at stud, the latter, a millionaire

Grade 1 winner now 13, was gelded and returned to the Jacksons.

To this day, the Jacksons still hear from countless numbers of the "Friends of Barbaro," a massive network that formed during the champion's ordeal.

"They write, send flowers. We hear from them a lot and it's all positive. 'What can we do to increase safety?' they ask," said Gretchen. "Everybody wants that. Most of these people have been in touch for over 10 years and have followed all of his brothers. When I go to Belmont they say 'Hi Mrs. Jackson!' I don't know who I'm waving at but it's nice that he's well thought of."

For her part, the memories closest to her heart are those of her remarkable Barbaro at his very best. Those are the moments on which she prefers to focus.

"The Laurel Futurity was one of my very favorite races," she said. "It was as special as the Derby. He won it for fun. . . he was sparkling. That's the Barbaro I want to remember."

Out in that field, La Ville Rouge grazes.



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So long, Demonstrative

The million was for us anyway, not him. We wanted him to join McDynamo, Good Night Shirt and Lonesome Glory as the only American-based steeplechasers to reach \$1 million in earnings. He really didn't care.

And that's why the decision by owner Jacqueline Ohrstrom and trainer Richard Valentine to retire champion steeplechaser Demonstrative midway through the 2016 season—and \$59,700 short of seven figures in steeplechase earnings—made so much sense.

After 48 starts on the flat and over fences, in England and the United States, the 9-year-old gets to go home to Virginia's Whitewood Farm. In eight seasons as a racehorse, he won 14 races, placed second eight times, finished third eight times. His last 21 steeplechase starts came in Grade 1 company.

Careers don't get much better than that for Thoroughbreds.

I will miss seeing the robust bay gelding run and jump—man could he jump—but I will love knowing he went home to Whitewood in the gooseneck, with Valentine driving the truck.

Demonstrative came to steeplechasing the way a lot of horses do, by accident. Bred by Sheikh Maktoum al Maktoum's Gainsborough Farm in Kentucky, the son of Elusive Quality was sent to England as a young horse and was destined for something big. His dam, the Quiet American mare Loving Pride, won a Group 3 in France and finished seventh behind Six Perfections in a Group 1 at Longchamp at 2 in 2002.

As a 2-year-old with trainer Mark Johnston, Demonstrative finished ninth of 11 in his debut at Yarmouth in July 2009. He improved a bit—finishing third at Pontefract and second (by a nose) at Chester—but he lost all six starts as a juvenile. He won his 3-year-old debut on the all-weather surface at Chester to start 2010, added two more seconds and by July was in the ring at Tattersalls. A frequent shopper there, Valentine loved what he saw and spent 25,000 guineas. The Virginia trainer fleeced the English and everyone else.

Demonstrative won his American (and hurdle) debut in October 2010 and wound up the 3-year-old champion. In 2011, he placed in all eight starts, winning twice. In 2012, he won twice at Saratoga—a novice stakes and the Grade 1 New York Turf Writers Cup—and won the season-ending Grade 1 Colonial Cup. He should have been the Eclipse Award winner, too, losing by 17 votes to Pierrot Lunaire (who also won two Grade 1 stakes, skipped the Colonial Cup and is winless since).

The 2013 season started with a tour de force in the Grade 1 Iroquois in May, but went wrong the rest of the way as he lost his final four starts to close the year. Demonstrative underwent a wind

operation, but opened 2014 with another loss and looked unable to find his old form. Until he did.

In 2014, he put together his best campaign—finishing second by a nose in the Grade 1 A.P. Smithwick, sweeping the Turf Writers, the Lonesome Glory and the Grand National and placing third in the Colonial Cup all with regular jockey Robbie Walsh aboard. The \$362,500 earned is the second-highest single season total in history. An Eclipse Award capped the season.

Demonstrative came out, won another Iroquois in 2015, then was never quite the same. He finished third in the 2015 Smithwick, pulled up in the Turf Writers and was a dull ninth in the Grand National. A third in the Colonial Cup offered some hope, but when Demonstrative turned in two sub-par races in the Iroquois and Smithwick this year, Valentine called it a career.

Demonstrative will be missed wherever good steeplechasers line up to race. He will also be appreciated and remembered for a career of excellence. What's more, he will get to be a foxhunter or a star in a Whitewood field. He'll get to eat grass and get fed carrots over the fence, he'll get to watch potential successors gallop up the hill for Valentine.

A good horse's retirement brings mixed emotions. Demonstrative is gone from the racetrack. But he's in the barn. He can't pad his bankroll. But he can get fat and happy. He won't be a millionaire. But he will be a celebrity.

"I thought we would retire him at the end of the year, but he's been too good to us," Valentine said. "I desperately wanted him to go over the million-dollar mark. . . we talked about putting blinkers on him, he didn't deserve that, I thought that was a cheap move. He never fell, he never had an injury on the racecourse. He looks great, he's covered in dapples. It's not sad, it's a relief."

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Playing in the Mud

Preakness hero Exaggerator takes division lead with sloppy score

By Cindy Deubler

The Haskell was a no-brainer.

Keith Desormeaux, trainer of classic winner Exaggerator, called an audible just days before the 49th running of the \$1 million Haskell Invitational-G1, held at beautiful, albeit soggy, Monmouth Park the final day of July.

And the chance of rain didn't factor at all.

"Truly a last-minute decision," said the California-based Desormeaux a little over a week after Big Chief Racing, Head of Plains Partners, Rocker O Ranch et al's Exaggerator scored decisively against a field that included champion 2-year-old and Kentucky Derby-G1 winner Nyquist. "But now that I look back on it, it should have been a no-brainer."

Exaggerator became the topic of conversation four days before the race when the Preakness winner's name was added to the small but select list of starters, the first time in Haskell history the first three finishers in the Kentucky Derby made their way to the Jersey shore, and the first time since 2010 (Lookin At Lucky and Super Saver) that Derby and Preakness winners faced off.

Three major factors made Desormeaux change course with the colt, based at Saratoga for the summer with assistant

trainer and partner, Julie Clark. Desormeaux wanted to stick to a Saratoga campaign. Then came the East Coast trip to see Exaggerator's final work July 23, seven days before Saratoga's Jim Dandy Stakes.

"Being that the summertime goal was to win the Travers, I kept convincing myself that I needed to get a race over the Saratoga surface," said Desormeaux. "So regardless of his works, I was thinking I needed that race. But I was in town to watch his last work before the Jim Dandy and I just really didn't like the work."

"As soon as I started to second guess the way Exaggerator was handling the track at Saratoga, the Haskell entered my mind."

Desormeaux began to click off the reasons to send the colt four hours south to Oceanport, N.J.

First was the "less than stellar" work, officially 6 furlongs in 1:13.87.

Second, the Jim Dandy was shaping up as a paceless race.



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“Everybody talks about Exaggerator and his need for an off track,” said Desormeaux. “But I don’t think that’s the case. He does need a pace to run at. He likes to make a run at the horses in front of him. The Jim Dandy’s prospective entrants were all devoid of speed. And it wasn’t hard to figure out with [lightly raced Bob Baffert trainee] American Freedom and Nyquist in the Haskell that there was going to be a hot pace.”

Finishing the deal was the prospect of much larger prizes. In addition to \$400,000 more in purse money, the Haskell is the only Breeders’ Cup Challenge Series Win & You’re In race exclusively for 3-year-olds for the Breeders’ Cup Classic-G1. “That’s significant,” noted Desormeaux.

When the rains came, turning the track to slop, Desormeaux looked like a genius.

Exaggerator may not need a wet track, but the record speaks for itself. Three sloppy tracks in three states this year have yielded three dominant Grade 1 wins. First was his surreal effort in the Santa Anita Derby in April, galloping home by more than 6 lengths. The Preakness at Pimlico upended Nyquist’s bid for a Triple Crown in May. The Haskell reinforced the colt’s off-track ability.

“The difference between him in the mud and the others is he doesn’t care,” said Kent Desormeaux, Keith’s brother and Hall of Fame jockey who has piloted Exaggerator in all but two of his 13 lifetime starts. “The others might swim . . . He cruises along just like it’s another day at the office.”

The trainer agreed. “I think what makes a good mudder is it does not affect their confidence in performing,” said Keith. “Whereas most horses are apprehensive about a muddy surface—it’s not normal, makes a lot of noise, and may be slippery—he’s not affected by any of that. That’s what makes him a great off-track horse.”

This was the third time in the past decade that a Monmouth marquee event was soupy, soggy and sloppy, following the 2007 Breeders’ Cup and 2009 Haskell (the latter won by 2016 Racing Hall of Fame inductee Rachel Alexandra). Exaggerator shipped in on Thursday afternoon. It poured Friday morning, making the track sloppy for his first gallop over the track’s dark loam and sand surface.



Assistant trainer Julie Clark talks to Kent Desormeaux in the paddock before the Grade 1 Haskell.

It poured again before the 14-race card began on Sunday, turning the track into soup and evoking memories of another classic battle over a wet Monmouth track.

The field for the 2007 Breeders’ Cup Classic-G1 included that year’s Kentucky Derby winner, the previous year’s champion 2-year-old Street Sense, and Preakness winner Curlin. Street Sense went off as favorite, with Curlin the fourth choice. Curlin drew away with authority as Street Sense, down on the rail, flattened out and finished fourth. Curlin not only secured champion 3-year-old honors, but Horse of the Year as well. Exaggerator is a son of Curlin.

The Haskell can go a long way in determining year-end awards. The Exaggerator team felt that “if we are going to be the best, we’ve got to run against the best.”

Their colt had lost to Reddam Racing’s Nyquist four times in his career before handing the Doug O’Neill-trained colt his first defeat at Pimlico. But Nyquist maintained his hold at the top of the 3-year-old division, and was kicking off the second half of his campaign in the Haskell, his first start since being sidelined by illness following the Preakness.

Nyquist’s connections committed to the race in mid-July. Joining the son of Uncle Mo on the flight from California was American Freedom, Gary and Mary West’s Pulpit colt who had won his previous two starts, Pimlico’s Sir Barton Stakes on the Preakness undercard, and the Grade 3 Iowa Derby. The Haskell would be his fifth career start.

The first arrival at Monmouth during Haskell week was Steve Asmussen-trained Gun Runner. Owned by Winchell Thoroughbreds, Three Chimneys Farm and Besilu Stables, the son of Candy Ride (Arg) had five wins from seven starts, including the Grade 3 Matt Winn in his most recent outing, which followed his third in the Kentucky Derby. Monmouth Park-based runners Sunny Ridge and Awesome Slew were also entered.

Exaggerator was a bit of a question coming in. It appeared the Triple Crown took its toll when he had faded badly in the Belmont Stakes. He was one of two horses—Lani was the other—to run in all three races.

“Immediately after the Belmont he was as slow to recover as I’ve seen him get,” said Clark. “But in a week, he bounced back and was 100 percent. He was on his toes and ready for a challenge.”

Clark is an integral part of Desormeaux’s team. “If it wasn’t for her, I would have just brought the horse back after the Triple Crown,” said Desormeaux. “But if you have a person like Julie you can lean on, it eliminates the stress of travel for the horses. I think it’s one of my advantages. Why would you put a horse on the plane when you have just as good of hands and eyes right there on the East Coast.”

Nyquist was sent off as even-money favorite; Exaggerator second choice at 5-2. The race went exactly as Desormeaux anticipated.

Drawing the one post, Nyquist was hustled from the gate by Mario Gutierrez and joined by American Freedom and Awesome Slew. They were breathing fire through the opening quarter in :22.78 (one of the fastest in the race’s history) and went the half in :46.62. Exaggerator, breaking from the outside post, was taken over to the two path and galloped along at the back, his rider relishing the view. “They were going at it pretty well up front and I said to myself ‘could this be happening?’”



Nyquist (right) takes the early lead along with Sunny Ridge, as Exaggerator (left) drops to the back and angles to the inside. Exaggerator's connections (from left, exercise rider Peedy Landry and co-owners Sol Kumin and Matt Bryan) wait for the stewards' decision.

said Kent. "Up the entire backstretch he was just galloping and gaining on them."

As the two closed on the leaders, Desormeaux moved him out a few paths to clear the spray of mud and sand. When they rounded the far turn, Desormeaux let him go and the elegant dark bay colt exploded.

As Nyquist and American Freedom were still locked in a battle for the lead, Exaggerator flew past and set sail down the stretch.

"When we got clear I just kept him to his task," said Desormeaux, and they crossed the wire 1½ lengths in front. The race was for second as American Freedom looked to put away Nyquist. The champion proved gritty and kept fighting before finally giving way late. Dennis Drazin's late-running New Jersey homebred Sunny Ridge nipped Nyquist for third. Gun Runner finished 2½ lengths back in fifth. The final time was a solid 1:48.70.

Exaggerator is the first horse Desormeaux has entered at Monmouth Park, but he had been to the track in the past.

"I traveled to Monmouth with Kent while I was in Maryland," he said. "I drove him to a race and drove him back. I went primarily to see the track, but that was the only time I've been to Monmouth."

He didn't make the trip for the 2016 Haskell.

"I had spent the week before at Saratoga. I watched the horse, made sure everything was right, spent the week with Julie. . . I truly believe the work's done in the morning and the important decisions were made and I really did not have to be there.

"The race is the celebration," he added. "The work is done in those preceding weeks and I'm glad to say I was there for that. That's the only reason I didn't go. It was a quick turnaround and I had just been there."

For the trainer, another no-brainer. ✱



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Hansel's home, and so much more



Lazy Lane continues mission of raising
horses, caring for retired classic winner

By Sandra McKee. Photographs by Douglas Lees.

In the mist of early morning, Lazy Lane Farms lies gentle on Virginia's rolling green hills. Just outside of historic Upperville, along Route 50, the colonial, pale yellow manor house sits stately on a hill at the end of the long drive lined with inviting Bradford Pear trees and looks almost translucent in the filtered light.

Though the nearly 1,800-acre farm as it is today was once just a vision of the late banker and communication mogul, Joe Allbritton, the scene is a trick of the imagination. There is nothing ephemeral or temporary about the farm that has been here, in one form or another, since at least 1764.

Even today, more than four years after Allbritton's death Dec. 12, 2012, the farm goes on.

Its rich pastures are home to Thoroughbred broodmares, registered Angus cattle, and Hansel, the oldest winner of the Grade 1 Preakness and Belmont Stakes at 28.

As you walk its lanes, talk to employees and see the easy contentment of Hansel, the mares and cattle, you can see and sense the satisfaction that goes into the daily labor that keeps Lazy Lane Farms pointed to the future.

"Everyone who works here takes pride in the farm and what they do," says Frank Shipp, Lazy Lane's president. "You can see it in the condition the farm is in, the condition the horses are in and in the care they're given."

Everything appears perfect, from the upkeep of the barns to the immaculately mowed lawns; from the elegant, stark black board fences to the farm's asphalt roads. And, of course, the way the staff talks about its work.

"It is amazing to work here," says Thad Lewis, 49, who every day drives an hour and a half from Gordonsville, Va., to work as a groom at Lazy Lane. "I have a Preakness and Belmont winner to care for. You don't get too many farms that have that. And I think we all feel the pride of it. This is the first farm I've come to where when you walk out of the barns you see the plaques hanging over the door recognizing graded winners. It's amazing to see."

The plaques number 13. Hansel has one and so does fellow pensioner Silent Greeting (23), who won the 1996 Grade 3 Martha Washington Stakes at Laurel Park. Secret Hello has a plaque, as do Seeking the Pearl, Beal Street Blues, Mr. Sinatra, Ocean Crest, Fast Catch, Frisco View, Chilito, Kitwood, Elizabeth Bay, Navesink and Bright Valour.

"Nothing has changed [since Joe Allbritton's death] in the way we run things," says Shipp of the operation that continues to revere its history, while planning for the future. "The farm is still owned by Mrs. [Barbara] Allbritton and the family-owned corporation [Capital News Company]. She's still involved. She was out here helping us foal a mare [in May]."

Shipp, 63, who came as an assistant manager two years after Allbritton bought Lazy Lane in 1981, has stayed 33 years.

Though the farm is evolving, it is still operating in line with Joe Allbritton's original vision. He wanted to breed and race horses, to run some cattle and to raise crops to support the farm.

"We continue to do that," Shipp says. "But the emphasis now is much more on the commercial market for selling the product of our broodmares. Our No. 1 goal is to breed a top-class racehorse, so the people who buy from us can buy with confidence."

The History

The farm is even older than Hansel. Part of it was previously known as Amandale Farm and owned by cattleman John Gail, but the largest portion, about 850 acres, was owned by Isabel Dodge Sloane.

Heiress to the Dodge automobile fortune, Sloane bought the property then known as Brookmeade in 1929 and she retained ownership until her death in 1962.

She developed the estate into a breeding farm, Brookmeade Stud. The farm was successful and most notably laid claim to a Kentucky Derby victory in 1934 by Calvalcade, a New Jersey-bred who called Brookmeade home. Other Brookmeade champions were Bowl of Flowers, by the farm's top handicap horse Sailor, and 1959 Horse of the Year Sword Dancer, who was inducted into the National Racing Hall of Fame in 1977.

Calvalcade, inducted into the Hall of Fame in 1993, is buried at Lazy Lane, near the original stallion barn built in the late 1920s.

Also resting here are Secret Hello, Lazy Lane's first Grade 1 winner, Toll Booth, the 1991 national Broodmare of the Year, and Kittiwake, a two-time Virginia Broodmare of the Year and one of the most successful producers of the 1970s and 1980s.

Looking at the graves, Shipp points to an open space among them.

"Hansel will go in the middle, when it's his time, I suppose," the farm president says. "But we haven't talked about that."

Since Allbritton established Lazy Lane, by cobbling Amandale, Brookmeade Stud and others together to create his vast domain, the farm has bred 35 stakes winners and purchased and raced another 21 for a total of 56.

It also has bred 13 Virginia champions, raced classic winner Hansel, its living icon, and bred French champion Seeking the Pearl, who was sold as a yearling and trained in Japan. She became a Group 1 winner there and then the first Japanese-trained horse to win a Group 1 race in Europe. Before her 2005 death, she became the leading Virginia-bred money winner, a distinction she still holds, with more than \$4 million in earnings.

Over the past 10 years, Lazy Lane has bred five graded stakes winners, including 2013 Grade 1 winner Bond Holder, five more who were graded placed, and seven Virginia-bred champions.

"Mrs. Allbritton would like to continue the farm as long as she can," Shipp says. "But we have made the decision to transition primarily to a commercial breeder, which means we sell most of the offspring."

Some still are raced occasionally. Last year, Rapid Rhythm won at Laurel for trainer Susan Cooney.

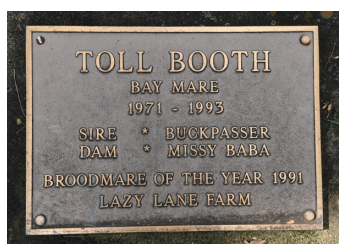
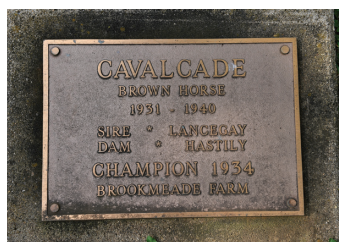
Staying competitive

Now that the focus is off racing, Shipp spends most of his time following the breeding and selling business, which he says has gotten much harder than it used to be.

"What I want to see is a bell-curve in prices, but what we have now is the extremes," he says. "There are horses everyone wants and horses no one wants. The middle market has suffered in recent years and the low end is no man's land."

When a horse appears at a sale with flaws, watch out, he warns.

"One flaw and you can get a reasonable sale," Shipp says. "Two flaws, you are going



Frank Shipp oversees historic Lazy Lane, comprised of 1,800 acres which includes the old Brookmeade Stud, 850 acres once owned by Dodge automobile heiress Isabel Dodge Sloane. The barns are adorned with 13 plaques honoring Lazy Lane graded stakes winners. The graveyard includes some of the greats.



The Lazy Lane training barn above and left. Opposite page, the farm's broodmare barn.

to suffer. Three, you might not get the horse sold at all. But no flaws and a good pedigree and you get a really good price for your horse.

“Our goal is making our products flawless. We are quite selective in the broodmares we keep and try to be in position to make the parameters at the sale work in our favor.”

One future broodmare is Precious Daughter, Hansel’s last foal. Shipp says she showed promise on the racetrack, but was retired at age 4 due to an injury.

Decades ago, much of the training and breaking of young horses, including Hansel, was done at Lazy Lane and most of the scouting for quality horses was done by Lazy Lane’s staff. But over the last 10 years, that’s changed.

Now, the farm works with sales agents, Kitty Taylor at Warrendale Sales, Joe Seitz

at Brookdale Farm, and Stuart Morris, all in Kentucky, to market its yearlings, weanlings and broodmares. Nick de Meric in Ocala, Fla., works with the 2-year-olds.

“When our horses go to auction, they handle them, presenting them to buyers and conferring with us on possible reserves, on placement in which sales and on which session within a sale,” Shipp says.

Lazy Lane also has a pedigree advisor, Fiona Craig, who travels everywhere looking at stallions at sales and on farms.

“Fiona has been doing that for us for over 15 years,” says Shipp. “Kitty has been with us at least 10 years, Joe and Stuart, five and seven [respectively].

“Nick worked the first sale for us in 2013. We hadn’t sold any horses in training until then. We tended to race what we didn’t sell. But we’ve cut back on our racing operation, gradually, over the last 10 years.”

The New Reality

Lazy Lane, as designed, is self-sufficient in terms of crops—producing hay and straw and also wheat and soybeans for market sales. The registered Angus number about 450 and also are sold for profit. But you’ll also find vegetable gardens and poultry houses, whose produce is used by the residents and employees.

There are nine employee tenant houses and 21 full-time employees, who work in equine, agriculture, cattle, ground maintenance, security and staff the office.

Shipp says the employee numbers, which have varied from 20-25 over the last several years, are not far off from the height of the farm’s activity, when there were about 30 full-timers.

“There was never a written plan for what we were going to do here,” says Shipp. “Mr. Allbritton owned two mares at the time I came and what you see now was totally his vision.”

While the farm operation remains the same, how decisions are made have changed.

“It’s now more of a team decision and Mr. and Mrs. Allbritton have the final word,” Shipp says, referring to Barbara Allbritton and her son, Robert. “Mrs. Allbritton is interested and that’s comforting for the farm.”



When Shipp arrived at Lazy Lane there were a couple barns, no roads and no fencing, aside from more than 40 miles of sturdy, picturesque, gray stone walls that pre-date the Civil War.

Now there are four active barns and one more, far removed from the mares and breeding activity; that is a well-maintained, three-stall stallion barn that Hansel calls home.

Besides the “old” stallion barn there is a “new” stallion barn built in the 1980s, and a yearling barn, which once held 20-25 yearlings between the late 1980s and 1991.

There is also a broodmare barn that was finished in 1990. When it was built, and the program was at its peak, there were 20 or more foals each year. Last spring, there were 11 mares with seven foals.

Last spring the total population was 32, varying from that low of 11 in early spring—when most of the mares have taken road trips to Kentucky or elsewhere to be bred—to a high in the mid-30s in the fall just before the yearlings leave for more advanced training in Florida or are sold at the yearling sales.

There also is a training barn with 23 stalls and an eighth-mile sand track. That barn saw a lot of action in the 1980s and early 1990s, too.

“We broke a lot of young ones here, including Hansel,” Shipp says. “The barn

would have been full in those days. You can say we have plenty of room for the horses we have now.”

Currently, Lazy Lane has only one horse in training for racing, Life’s Fortune, at Walnut Hall in Boyce, Va., with Cooney, who breaks and trains the horses Lazy Lane intends to race.

Shipp says after all these years at Lazy Lane, the Allbrittons and the staff still have a lot to do.

“We need to breed a Derby winner, a Breeders’ Cup champion and more champions overall,” he says. “Every foal that comes out looks like she/he could win the Oaks and the Derby, which is one of the great attractions of the sport.”

Shipp smiles at the audacity of the dream. Every breeder wants to breed a Derby winner and every horse owner wants to own one.

“[Derby winner] Mine That Bird was bought for \$9,500 as a yearling; Canonero II [1971 Derby and Preakness winner] for \$1,200,” Shipp says. “That means anyone can achieve that goal.”

Sure, but you have to be in the right place at the right time and luck, definitely, has to be on your side.

Lazy Lane will try its luck in the sales arena this fall with two colts at Keeneland September—a Tiznow colt from the Mr. Greeley mare Brookhaven and a Mineshaft

colt out of the Lemon Drop Kid mare Lemon Crusta.

A Lucky Find

In the late 1980s and early 1990s, Lazy Lane was surrounded by horse farms—as it is today. Its broodmare and yearling barns were full of horses and its racing program was strong.

And Allbritton always had Shipp and trainer Frank Brothers on the lookout for good yearling prospects.

It was 1989, when Shipp and Brothers, on a road trip looking for possible future stars, stopped by Marvin Little Jr.’s farm in Kentucky.

Little had been a Virginia neighbor and had acquired the mare Count On Bonnie when another nearby farm, Newstead Farm, was being sold. He bred her to a young stallion named Woodman, champion 2-year-old in Ireland. The pairing produced a colt, a perfect colt, Little would take with him to his Kentucky farm, and it would be there that Shipp and Brothers would see him and suggest Allbritton buy him.

“Frank and I were looking at a lot of yearlings for Mr. Allbritton when Junior said we should look at this youngster that would be going in the Keeneland yearling sales in September,” Shipp says, recalling

the first time he saw the colt that would be named Hansel.

“Hansel had exceptional balance and had a terrific walk and he acted intelligent,” Shipp continues. “At the sale, we showed him to Mr. Allbritton and he thought so, too. He said, ‘I can’t tell you anything about a horse’s legs, but I can tell class when I see it.’”

“We bought him for \$150,000 and felt lucky to get him for that.”

Susan Diggs, who has worked at Lazy Lane for 15 years taking care of the mares and foals and Hansel on the weekends, notes the serendipitous nature of the situation.

“It’s ironic, isn’t it?” Diggs says. “Mr. Little was right down the road at Newstead, a couple miles away, but they had to go to Kentucky to find Hansel.”

Hansel, whose name Brothers once explained came from the “Hansel and Gretel fairytale, in which their father was a woodman” had the makings of a fairytale.

From the colt’s earliest days, Little told everyone the colt was special.

“From the moment he was born, he was smart,” Little says now. “The morning after he was born, he walked right over to me and nuzzled. It’s unusual for a foal, they’re usually afraid of people—but not him.

“When I was selling him, my sales pitch was that he was the only horse I’d ever been around who I felt could win the Derby.”

He didn’t, but Little points out he was the betting favorite and went on to prove his greatness with Preakness and Belmont victories. And to this day, Little says Hansel is “the most beautiful horse” he’s ever seen.

Hansel was a multiple graded winner at 2, never off the board in five starts. It took a couple of starts to get back to his winning ways at 3, which he did emphatically when setting a track record in the Grade 2 Jim Beam before trampling the competition by 9 lengths in the Grade 2 Lexington on his way to the Kentucky Derby, as the pre-race favorite.

He finished 10th in the Derby, a loss that remains a mystery to those who knew him best. But he made a strong recovery and won the Preakness in 1:54, a time that still stands as the sixth fastest in race history.

“You think the horse wants to redeem himself,” Brothers says now, “but you don’t know. The bottom line is he has to do it and if he doesn’t, you’re going to look like a fool.”



But Hansel did and then, at the Belmont he became the first Virginia-bred to win since Triple Crown winner Secretariat in 1973. Hansel’s time of 2:28 was the 10th fastest in history at the time.

The Allbrittons fell in love with Hansel, as he took them on a joyful ride across racing’s biggest stages and earned the Eclipse Award for champion 3-year-old male.

In September 1991, Hansel was sold to Sheikh Maktoum bin Rashid Al

Maktoum, who retired him and sent him to Gainsborough Stud, his breeding farm in Kentucky. Allbritton retained a breeding interest and promised to bring Hansel home to Lazy Lane when his breeding career was over.

In 2006, Hansel was in Japan and Allbritton no longer owned him. But he had told Shipp to always keep his eye on the horse and when Shipp learned there were no longer any breeding plans for the classic



Opposite page, scenics from the farm include the original stallion barn at bottom. Clockwise from top left: Tony Byington gives Hansel a carrot; life-long horseman Jimmy Pierce; Hansel's barn.

winner, Allbritton told him to bring Hansel home.

"Mr. Allbritton went to great expense to work out an agreement to buy the horse back and return him here," Shipp says, recalling the long negotiation in Japanese and English. "He repurchased him and paid the cost of bringing him back. It was complicated."

Hansel is thought to have gone through quarantine in Japan before a flight could be arranged. "He had to have his own space when flying," says Shipp. "He couldn't be next to another horse."

And when he got to the United States, there was another quarantine before he could return to the farm.

"Once here," Shipp remembers, "he had to be bred to a test mare under the direction of federal vets."

The good news was, Hansel arrived looking well-cared for.

Hansel, home with family

Asked what it means to have Hansel at Lazy Lane, Shipp smiles.

"It means we get to enjoy his company. And, he still spreads goodwill by being here. It's a good thing. He's so important to our staff because they revere him and they dote on him."

"It puts a little extra push in your step when you're caring for a classic winner. He's a member of the family."

Hansel lives alone in his three-stall barn. His abode is 16 feet by 16 feet and there is thick straw, "lots of it," under his feet. He has two fans to keep him cool, two paddocks and a three-acre pasture to wander in.

Jimmy Pierce, 52, has been working with horses since he was 7 years old and hearing about Lazy Lane Farms almost as long.

His grandfather, his uncle and his dad all worked here long ago, going back to before the Allbrittons bought the farm.

"It's a wonderful place to work," he says. "I love watching the foals grow and seeing how they do. I get attached to all of them."

At Lazy Lane he primarily works with the mares and foals, prepping them, "getting them used to having hands on them," getting them ready to go out into the world of racing, where he and many of the employees follow their progress closely.

And of course, he has a hand in caring for Hansel.

"Everyone here does," he says. "It makes you part of the farm."

While everyone does help with the great horse, there are three men who look after him on a daily basis: Denis Byrne, Thad Lewis and Tony Byington.

They check on him every two hours or so during the day, and every 60 to 90 minutes at night. They answer his every whim.

"I didn't know Hansel before I came here," says Byington. "But I take care of him just about every morning now. He's a special, kind horse. He loves attention and loves carrots. I visit him 12 to 15 times a day and he gets peppermints."

How many?

"Not more than 15—and I eat some of them, too," Byington says.

Standing nearby, Lewis, 49 and an 18-year employee, listens to the conversation. He has pointed out that Hansel "doesn't do anything silly and is pretty laid back for a stallion." The man is very aware of the horse's love of carrots and mints. When he hears Byington talking about the peppermints, he can't help but add a little information.

"It's one for the horse and two for Tony," he says, laughing.

"He probably does get mad at us for eating his stuff," Byington says chuckling sheepishly.

It is easy to tell that besides peppermints and carrots, Hansel gets love, which he also returns.

"When he sees Mrs. Allbritton, he comes running," Shipp says. "He buries



The Lazy Lane team includes, clockwise from top left, broodmare manager Susan Diggs, office manager Dee Shade, Jimmy Pruitt, and Thad Lewis and Denis Byrne.



his head in her neck and nuzzles. He just loves her.”

He also appreciates his fans, who send mail from out of the blue and who have been coming more regularly since this year’s Preakness celebrated the 25th anniversary of Hansel’s victory.

“We are getting calls weekly now from people who want to come see him,” Shipp says. “He’s loving it. The visitors always bring him carrots or mints. He’s shining like new money, just like a yearling.”

Shipp says the farm welcomes Hansel’s admirers, as long as they call ahead.

“There was a man here from Chicago not long ago,” says the farm president. “He cheered for Hansel during his racing career and when he noticed he had a business trip that was going to bring him within a couple states of here, he called and asked if he could come by. He said it was something he had had on his bucket list for a long time.”

Besides the one-time visitors, there are those who come somewhat regularly, including a couple from Pennsylvania who bring Hansel carrots almost every month.

“She’s in a wheelchair,” Pierce says. “Hansel gives her kisses; a little peck on the cheek.”

Hansel pretty much runs the show. He stays in when he wants to, goes out when he wants to and comes back in when he wants to. Hansel, it is agreed, wants what he wants when he wants it.

“Sometimes he’ll be standing at the fence looking for you,” says Byrne, 53. “He sometimes suggests he wants something and you might be slow to answer, but he’ll outwait you. He’s really no trouble. He’s like an old gelding, easy to be around, easy to handle.”

Byrne is one of the newest employees with five years of service. He works in equine management with the veterinarians and Shipp, and describes his job as “a lot of fun.”

Diggs, the regular caretaker of the mares and foals, followed Hansel when he was racing. “To have him here, back from Japan, is wonderful,” she says. “He’s a personable horse. I tell people about my job and Hansel all the time. He likes attention. You often see him posing.”

Diggs recalls the early days of Hansel’s residency here, when Allbritton still had mares bred to him.

“He’d hear the van coming, and he’d know it was a mare,” she says. “He’d go to the back of his stall and start hollering. He knew that mare was coming for him.”

They all talk about the intelligence in Hansel’s eyes, about his kind disposition; about how he would let 5-year-old kids run around him and pet him during the years he was on the Hunt Country Stable Tour that raises money for outreach programs at Trinity Episcopal Church in Upperville.

“We’ve discontinued his participation in the tour,” Shipp says. “At his age, well, we’d have to transport him to another part of the farm, near the mares, and when he’s around the mares he goes crazy. He’s still all boy.”

“But when he did take part, the kids loved him and we’d set up a room near him where we’d run videos of his races. It was very popular.”

Though Hansel comes from good stock, “His mama lived to age 32 and his grandmother to 36,” Little, his breeder says, Lazy Lane Farms doesn’t take any chances.

“He’s old at 28; every year over 20 is a gift,” Shipp says, while Hansel proudly stands with his head up, his ears pricked, knowing he is still the center of attention.

Although Lazy Lane Farms is evolving, Hansel remains the same, to the delight of co-workers and visitors alike. ★

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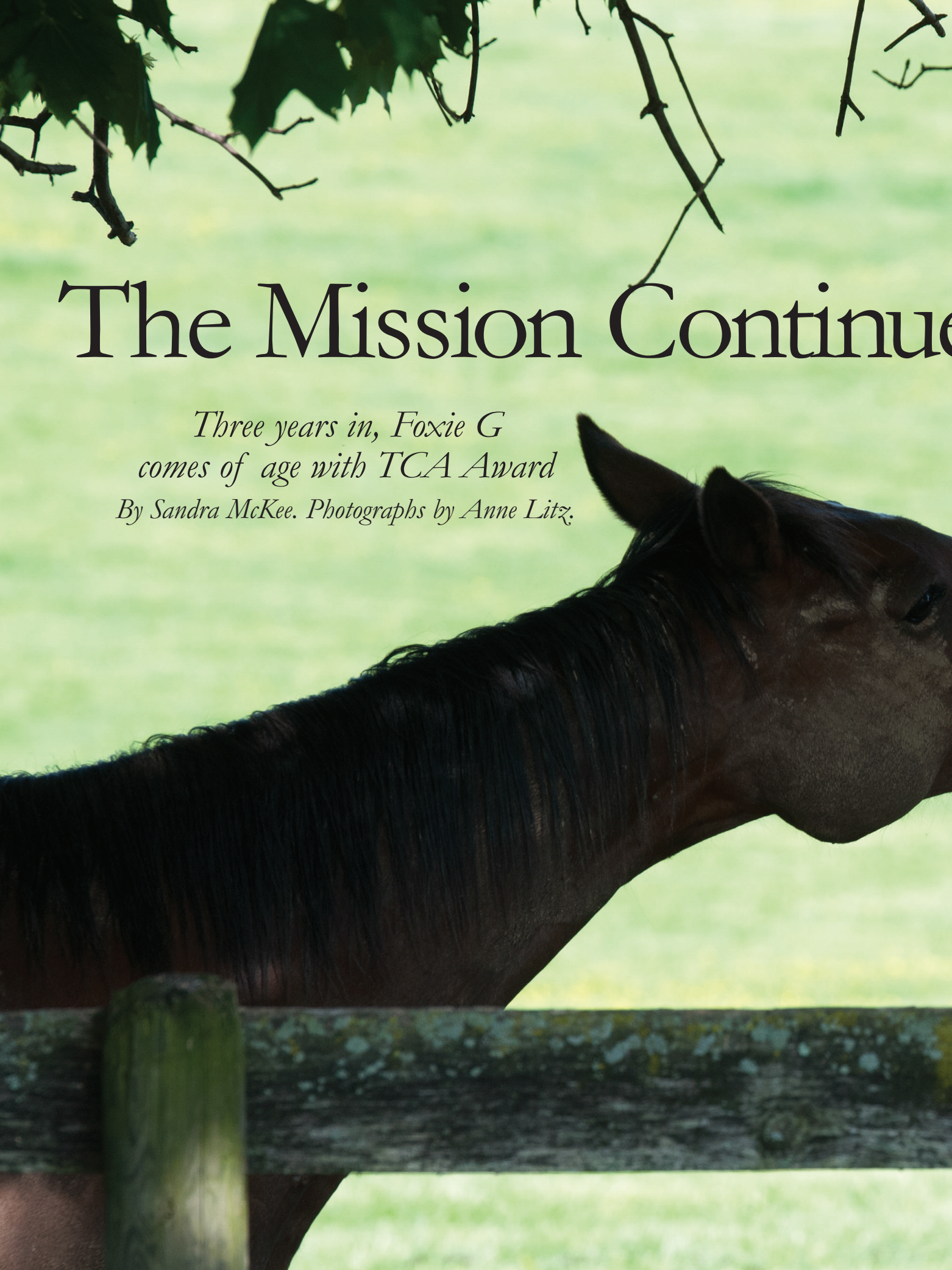
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A dark brown horse, Foxie G, is shown in profile, looking over a wooden fence. The horse's head and neck are visible, with its dark coat contrasting against the bright green background. The fence is made of weathered wood. In the upper left corner, there are some dark, leafy branches hanging down. The overall scene is peaceful and natural.

The Mission Continued

*Three years in, Foxie G
comes of age with TCA Award
By Sandra McKee. Photographs by Anne Litz.*

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It's around 10 p.m. when the phone rings. Laurie Calhoun doesn't hesitate. The phone has rung late before and Calhoun knows time could be of the essence.

The caller is Beth Walker, who can often be found making her way into large transporters and holding pens filled with horses who have reached the end of the line. These horses have just been purchased at the New Holland, Pa., auction and are about to head to Mexico to be slaughtered.

Walker goes into the tight confines looking for Thoroughbreds, for horses she thinks she has a reasonable chance of connecting to a savior.

On this night, she has found a sad horse. He has a badly damaged eye, but he also has a tattoo on the inside of his upper lip, identifying him as a former racehorse.

She calls Calhoun, who runs the Foxie G Foundation, a rescue, retraining and sanctuary facility near Libertytown, Md.

"She's calling to tell me she has just sent photos and I have 15 minutes to decide if I want to take him," says Calhoun, sitting in the shade of her yard, drinking ice water, as horses graze and frolic just up the lane on Summer Wind Farm, a horse layup and breeding farm she owns and operates with her husband, Jerry.

It can be a heart-wrenching moment: Fifteen minutes to decide if she can save a horse's life. After all these years, she says, the pictures she sees still haunt her: a beautiful animal with its head down, its eyes reflecting fear.

"They know something isn't right," she says. "And you know if you can't take them it is the end of their lives. A lot of people don't realize this still goes on. They think because it is illegal to kill horses in this country for meat, the horses are safe. But they still get sold here to buyers who transport them out of the country, on long trips in overcrowded trucks."

As much as she wants to, she can't always say yes to these requests. She doesn't always have the necessary funds.

But, on this night, she knows one of her most loyal clients, Bob Haynes, who owns multiple graded stakes winner and retiree Heros Reward, told her he had some extra money that she could use.

"It averages about \$1,300 to buy the horse, quarantine it and get the health certificate and Coggins [a test for Equine Infectious Anemia, an untreatable, contagious disease]. We have to pay for all that," she says and pauses.

"I said we'd take him."

A work of a lifetime

Calhoun has been wild about animals since she was a kid. She grew up with a show-horse background and learned to ride on a Shetland pony named Peanut. She thought she wanted to be a vet, but then came to understand she was better suited to caring for the animals when they were healthy.

"It just came upon me," says the woman who formally established the Foxie G Foundation in September 2012, but has been saving and retraining Thoroughbreds for second careers since she and her husband bought Summer Wind Farm in April 1986.

"Every year it just grew," Laurie says. "I had more and more requests to take horses.

A lightbulb went off or I just got crazy enough to add to my workload. We went from three or four horses to a dozen and more. We decided to become a nonprofit and in our first partial year we rehomed 15. Our first full year, we got 26 rehomed; the second year 36. Last year we did 46.”

How many more a year can she find homes for?

“I don’t know,” she says. “But I think we can do 50, and we’re on track to do it—but that might be our max.”

On this spring day, there are 18 sanctuary horses, meaning that due to age, temperament or physical limitation they cannot be put up for adoption and will live out their lives at Summer Wind; and there are another 24 either resting up from injury before returning to the racetrack or at the farm for retraining and future adoption.

On April 27, Calhoun’s work with Foxie G was recognized with the Thoroughbred Charities of America Award of Merit.

While Calhoun says “a thank you is always nice,” the most important aspect of being recognized “is that our foundation gets out in the public eye. That might mean more support that allows me to help more horses.”

Calhoun, 55, runs the operation, but is quick to say she couldn’t do it by herself; her husband, her sisters, Nicole Ausherman, who helps retrain the horses, and Kathy Reader, who sponsors one of the “kill pen” horses, and about 60 volunteers make it all possible.

Calhoun’s mission seems almost endless, as she also has taken on the care of 13 feral cat colonies. She and volunteers capture the cats and take them to the vet for shots, spaying and neutering before returning them to their colonies.

When any stray kittens appear, she collects them, domesticates them and puts them up for adoption. She and her volunteers spend nearly three hours a day feeding and checking up on the cats.

Last year, Calhoun says 36 cats were adopted. But there are still plenty of friendly, lovable ones populating her yard and barns.

While the Calhouns have cared for animals at Summer Wind for 30 years, Jerry is

quick to point out, “The cats are all Laurie. I have a dog.”

Laurie laughs at that and says her husband has been incredibly supportive.

“He picks up my slack and we’re here seven days a week,” she says. “I sadly have to say we have not taken a vacation together for four years. My poor husband. But, on the flip side, we get to walk up the driveway together every morning and see all the horses.”

Making it all work

The Calhouns, who met when Laurie was an 18-year-old intern at Glade Valley



“We always, always need volunteers. There isn’t a horse out here who doesn’t like an extra brushing, an extra carrot or more mints.”

— Laurie Calhoun

Farm near Frederick and Jerry was the broodmare manager, have been married for 26 years.

“When she first came up with this [horse rehoming] idea 30 years ago, I thought the concept was great,” says Jerry, who describes himself as Foxie G’s “biggest contributor and hardest working volunteer.”

“She’d been doing it for us and clients for years,” he says. “When she decided to expand [and become a certified nonprofit] I was concerned about the operation and the financing of it.”

Everything done for the Foxie G Foundation is 100-percent volunteer. Laurie says she has 15-20 regulars

who care for the horses, another 15-20 who work on fundraising and 15-20 more who “help when they can.”

She says, “They come from an hour-and-a-half away to five minutes away. They are truly dedicated.”

Besides growing the volunteer network, raising funds to meet the obligations of maintaining and saving so many horses is the biggest worry.

“Laurie is just dedicated to this,” says Jerry. “She works day and night trying to help them and she also works at getting all the rescues to work together for the benefit of the horses. It’s hard when everyone is competing for the same funds.”

But Laurie Calhoun sees the benefit of working together.

“Yes, we are all out here doing the same thing and competing for the funding,” she says. “But we are also each other’s support group. When I can’t take a horse, someone else will. When someone else can’t take one, I will. We also can commiserate when you can’t take a horse or you lose one from injury. The bottom line is we are all stronger together.”

Calhoun believes every owner, trainer, jockey, feed man—“every person who works in the industry and makes a living from these horses—should make a cash contribution” to their aftercare.

“We get help from the Maryland Jockey Club and the Maryland Horse Breeders,” Laurie Calhoun says. “And the MTHA [Maryland Thoroughbred Horsemen’s Association]—those guys are a driving force, they truly are. We couldn’t do it without them. Tim Keefe [trainer and MTHA president] is so supportive of rehoming. He said to me, ‘Nothing is more important for me as president than helping our retiring horses.’”

In Maryland, horsemen voluntarily contribute by having \$11 donated to aftercare and retirement from every entry. This year, the MTHA gave Foxie G \$19,000, the foundation’s single biggest grant.

Money also is raised through the Totally Thoroughbred Horse Show created by

MJC racing secretary Georganne Hale, and Foxie G helps itself with various fundraisers.

Last spring, the foundation and ASPCA held “Equines in the Vines, Help a Horse Day.” Some 324 people showed up, raising \$14,220.

An open house and barbecue was held in July and on Oct. 29 there will be another fundraiser at Laurel Park.

By November, Calhoun hopes to add another funding source. Foxie G has applied for accreditation by the Thoroughbred Aftercare Alliance, which awards grants for exactly what the Foxie G Foundation does—retires, retrains and rehomes Thoroughbreds.

A nonprofit organization that uses industry-wide funds, TAA, under the National Thoroughbred Racing Association, is the brainchild of Jack Wolfe, who co-owns Starlight Stables in Kentucky. His six-year effort to improve the horses’ welfare resulted in the alliance being formed in 2013.

Maryland was one of the first states to contract with the TAA, which has 56 organizations serving 180 facilities in the U.S. and Canada.

In the Mid-Atlantic there are eight TAA-accredited facilities, including three

in Maryland, two in Pennsylvania, one each in Virginia, New Jersey and South Carolina.

“Maryland is one of the advanced states for aftercare,” says TAA operations consultant Stacie Clark-Rogers. “They help with the funding and they get repurposing the horses; the enthusiasm I see there from the horsemen and other people there, they get it.”

To become a TAA-approved organization, a nonprofit has to be in business for three years and pass examinations of every major and minute detail: from facilities to volunteers, from marketing to euthanasia protocol, from feed program to adoption contracts.

“It has been rigorous,” says Jerry Calhoun.

“Getting accredited and getting a TAA grant would be huge for us,” Laurie Calhoun says. “Right now the TAA is the single biggest funding body in the country.”

The full application gets reviewed twice and there are two inspections before a decision is made on an organization. Once sanctioned, facilities are inspected every year—without notice. And, an organization has to reapply for accreditation every two years.

“We are trying to make this a fair, prosperous and well executed process,”

Clark-Rogers says. “And we want it to be an independent process. Our goal is an industry solution for the horses after they are finished racing.”

The TAA grants are only for horse care, not barns or facility upkeep.

Big Red’s story

The horse Calhoun saved more than a year ago with the help of financing from Haynes is called Big Red. It is not his racing name. Calhoun doesn’t use The Jockey Club names for the rescues because it might lead someone to the name of his previous owner and she doesn’t want that.

“I don’t want to blame anybody,” she says. “That’s not our purpose. We don’t release the registered name. We’re here to help the horses—and not point fingers.

“My long-term goal is for Foxie G to be a permanent place for them, even if Jerry and I aren’t on Earth to be with them.”

Once healthy and through a 30-day quarantine at Brad and Faith Leatherman’s Winding Creek Farm in Union Bridge, Calhoun ran his tattoo number.

He was a stakes winner and 15 years old. He’d been schooled as a jumper and sold twice before winding up at New Holland, where he was sold for \$500.

“We have no idea how that happened,” she says.



Big Red was so traumatized from his experience, retraining did not prove an option.

"At 16 years old, he is enjoying life turned out with other geldings," she says. "He loves grooming and treats."

As Calhoun shows a visitor around the 125-acre property that has two barns that can house 55 horses, and more loafing sheds in the surrounding fields than she can count, she has a story to go with every horse.

"Here's Rift, by Not For Love," she says. "He was donated by his trainer. He made almost \$100,000. The problem with him is an ankle issue. Rift is in rehab and the ankle is starting to get better. He's lovely to ride and he will be rehomed."

Nearby is another kill-pen horse. His feet are so tender, Calhoun says, he can't even have his hooves trimmed without "major tranquilization." Down the fence line, two retirees being sponsored by their owners, Bad Debt and Ravalo, nicker, nuzzle and nip at each other, making Calhoun smile.

"I love seeing that—I love seeing them being horses and being happy," she says, her face lighting up.

She says 80 percent or more of the horses who come to her are "very, very retrainable." One story she likes to tell is

about a horse called "Jude," who never met a person or horse he didn't like.

"He wasn't fancy, he was sway-backed and he made about \$365 on the racetrack," she says. "But he was so honest. It took about a year, but he just recently found an adoptive home."

"It's so meaningful to me. He would have been gone and slaughtered. He was tagged and ready to be shipped when we got him. But all he needed was a helpful hand. A woman about my age who hadn't ridden in a while was looking for a really nice guy, and anyone could ride Jude."

"She took him and another one, a fancy one, for her friend. She took both of them, but by the time they left, the friend said, 'You're my horse,' and he was resting his head on him. That's what I remember and what makes it worthwhile."

Calhoun is proud of her horses and proud of the people who help her help them.

Two of those are Dale and Joan Everett. The Everetts have retired their own horses at Foxie G and they've also claimed horses off the racetrack just to retire them to the farm.

"They have three horses in that program and pay the farm every month to take care of them," Calhoun says. "People you meet can be so generous."

Haynes, who pays for his own retirees and others, says he simply loves animals.

"I've probably rescued six or seven horses and some cats," he says. "We're responsible for a lot of heartbeats . . . and I've had my retired horses—Heros Reward and Due—at Laurie and Jerry's for some time. They do a great job."

On this warm spring day, Laurie Calhoun doesn't want to stop naming names of caring people or telling stories about animals she has rescued. But she has horses to care for and cats to feed. She smiles. There is hope in her eyes.

She hopes more people will hear about the Thoroughbred Charities of America Award of Merit and step forward.

"It might make someone want to adopt a horse, or, say, 'Hey, I have some time, I think I'll volunteer to help,'" she says. "We always, always need volunteers. There isn't a horse out here who doesn't like an extra brushing, an extra carrot or more mints." ✱



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Delaware Handicap-G1



Talking Horse

I'm a Chatterbox captures Grade 1 Delaware Handicap for Grays, Jones

By Linda Dougherty. Photographs by Lydia A. Williams

Cheers, jeers and drama punctuated the 79th running of the \$750,000 Delaware Handicap-G1, a race that had an exciting conclusion despite the compact field of six fillies and mares, at Delaware Park July 16.

Heading the 1¼-mile race was Carolyn and Fletcher Gray's I'm a Chatterbox, a finalist for champion 3-year-old filly last year. The daughter of Munnings had an outstanding sophomore season, winning the Grade 1 Cotillion Stakes at Parx Racing and earning more than \$1.2 million from eight starts.

After time off following her only off-the-board finish of the year, which came in the Grade 1 Breeders' Cup Distaff in November, I'm a Chatterbox rejoined trainer Larry Jones' stable at Fair Grounds this winter, where she prepared for her first start of 2016 in the Doubledogdare-G3 at Keeneland in April. The chestnut finished second and then roared back in the Obeah Handicap at Delaware Park, the traditional prep for the Delaware Handicap, in early June.

In the 1½-mile Obeah, I'm a Chatterbox overcame traffic problems under Gabriel Saez to romp home by 8½ lengths as the heavy favorite, an effort that set her up nicely for Delaware Park's signature race.

Reunited with regular rider Florent Geroux, I'm a Chatterbox was sent off the overwhelming betting choice, with recent Fleur de Lis-G2 winner Paid Up

Subscriber the second choice with jockey Ricardo Santana Jr. Also in the field was New York shipper Mei Ling, from the Todd Pletcher barn; Godolphin Racing's Penwith, courtesy of Kiaran McLaughlin; George Hall's Money'soncharlotte, based in New Jersey with trainer Kelly Breen, and another New York raider, Milaya, trained by Michael Dilger.

I'm a Chatterbox broke inward for a few strides from post four, crowding the three horses to her inside, including Paid Up Subscriber on the rail. The contact caused Paid Up Subscriber to lose her footing slightly behind, but she quickly recovered. I'm a Chatterbox trailed the field through the early stages.

Geroux allowed her to move up steadily and by the time the field went into the first turn she was in a stalking position behind pacesetter Mei Ling. After 6 furlongs, I'm

a Chatterbox collared Mei Ling and took command at the top of the stretch. She drew away to a 2-length lead in mid-stretch while racing off the rail. Paid Up Subscriber made a run late, but was unable to catch up. I'm a Chatterbox swept under the wire 2¼ lengths in front in 2:02.64. Penwith rallied past a tiring Mei Ling to get third.

Santana immediately claimed foul against I'm a Chatterbox, claiming the contact at the break cost him the race. Stewards took several minutes examining the replay, while the replay was also shown on the infield big screen as well as throughout the Delaware grandstand. Fans hooted and hollered, calling for I'm a Chatterbox to be disqualified, but when the stewards decided to leave the order of finish as it was, they erupted with loud shouts, both for and against the decision.

Carolyn and Fletcher Gray nervously watched the replay, thinking back to the Coaching Club American Oaks-G1 last year at Saratoga, which resulted in a disqualification for their filly from the top spot for much less egregious contact with Curalina.

"It felt like *deja vu*," said Carolyn Gray. "I couldn't believe it. And it was nerve-racking."

The stewards put out a statement afterward: "As a result of breaking in and the rider on the #4 [I'm a Chatterbox] having to take up and being behind the #1 [Paid Up Subscriber] at that point, along with the



I'm a Chatterbox (far left) finds a stalking spot early in the Grade 1 Delaware Handicap. WinStar Farm runners American Patriot (top right) and Pennsylvania-bred Dark Nile (bottom right) collect their first graded stakes victories in the Kent Stakes-G3 and Delaware Oaks-G3, respectively.



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#1 never losing stride, the Stewards could see no reason to take any action and made the race official.”

Like Gray, Jones sweated the deliberation for a bit.

“You always worry, because it comes down to a decision, somebody having to make decisions on it,” Jones said. “It did look like the one horse [Paid Up Subscriber] was trying to come out a little as well . . . it was not a pretty start. But if we caused the trouble, we cost ourselves as much as we cost the other horses. And with as much as she won by, I think it was a decisive victory. She was the best.”

Al Stall, trainer of Paid Up Subscriber, said, “When you lose your momentum at the start, and the mental part, you get a little fried trying to get yourself gathered up again. Horses aren’t machines. But she sure acquitted herself very well after the tough start.”

Jones, a Delaware Park regular for years, called the Delaware Handicap the filly’s chief summer goal.

“This was our key race,” he said. “Even before Keeneland, this was the one. This was the key race, so we are going to just enjoy this one for a little awhile and then we will worry about what is next.”

The Grays said they will leave the decision where to run next to Jones, but Saratoga was on the list. The year-end goal

will be the Breeders’ Cup Distaff-G1 at Santa Anita.

I’m a Chatterbox earned \$450,000 for her victory, which pushed her career earnings to \$1,834,614. She is out of the Lost Soldier mare Chit Chatter, and was bred in Kentucky by her owners.

American Patriot wins Kent

The \$200,000 Kent Stakes-G3 for 3-year-olds at 1 $\frac{1}{8}$ miles on turf was contested immediately after the Delaware Handicap, and WinStar Farm’s homebred American Patriot stormed to victory, winning by 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ lengths as the favorite over 17-1 He’ll Pay.

American Patriot, sent to Stanton by Pletcher, bobbled slightly at the start but jockey Jose Ortiz angled him to the rail, where he sat in a stalking position behind He’ll Pay. Turning for home, Ortiz cut him loose and he swept past He’ll Pay to win going away.

Dark Nile captures Oaks

WinStar Farm’s Dark Nile survived a long delay and skipped across a sloppy surface after a nasty thunderstorm rolled through Delaware Park to win the Grade 3, \$300,000 Delaware Oaks July 9. The daughter of Pioneerof the Nile covered 1 $\frac{1}{16}$ miles in 1:46.54 for trainer Arnaud Delacour and jockey Daniel Centeno.

“Before the weather, we were planning on breaking, settling, follow the speed and making one run, but after the weather, I did not want to be far back,” said Centeno. “Down the backside she was dragging me. She was getting a little tired in the end, but that may have been because we started a little early. But she was dragging me.”

Dark Nile broke sharply, but was shuffled back to fourth early as Browse, Miss Inclusive and Eighth Wonder vied for the lead around the first turn. Approaching the half-mile pole, Dark Nile moved up around Miss Inclusive to be third, then rallied along the outside, took the lead, and opened a two-length advantage in mid-stretch over A Place to Shine, who made a strong late bid but fell 1 $\frac{1}{4}$ lengths short. Kinsley Kisses was third.

“We have a barn here as well as one at Fair Hill,” said Leigh Delacour, wife and assistant to the winning trainer. “We paddock-schooled her here last week so she had experience walking around under the lovely Delaware Park trees, and she handled the delay like a champ.”

Bred in Pennsylvania by Blackstone Farm, Dark Nile was a \$135,000 Keeneland September purchase for WinStar. The Delaware Oaks was her first start in graded stakes company, and her fourth consecutive victory. Her career record stands at four wins from five starts, with earnings of more than \$240,000. ★

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Nice Debut

Fox Hill, Jones team up with first-timer Love You Back as meet finds high gear

BY LINDA DOUGHTERTY. PHOTOGRAPHS BY MARY LYONS/HOOFPRINTSINC.COM

Trainer Larry Jones has been enjoying a stellar Delaware Park meet, winning with horses up and down the class ladder.

For Rick Porter's Fox Hill Farms, Jones unveiled first-time starter Love You Back on the Fourth of July. The 3-year-old daughter of Put It Back was purchased by Porter for \$135,000 as a yearling at Keeneland September.

Installed as the post-time favorite in the field of eight, and with six steady workouts since arriving at Delaware Park in May, Love You Back didn't disappoint. With Carol Cedeno aboard, the Florida-bred broke well and immediately was sent up after the lead. She duelled for command with Double Sharp while racing outside that rival, and then was able to shake

clear and steadily drew away, opening up a 4-length advantage in mid-stretch. Another first-time starter, Tasha's Moon, closed from far back to make a run, but ultimately fell three-quarters of a length short.

"We thought she was going to win by open lengths, but she slowed considerably in the last furlong," said Porter. "The rider told Larry [Jones] that she was fascinated by the infield TV screen, and that's what was going on rather than her being out of gas."

Love You Back is out of the Friendly Lover mare Love To, and is a half-sister to graded stakes winner Another Romance and stakes-placed \$400,796-earner Love to the Max and \$219,945-earner Motin.

Another Jones trainee, Brereton and Ned Jones' homebred Mason County,

recorded his second consecutive Delaware triumph this season, and his third in a row, when he won a spill-marred allowance at 1 mile and 70 yards June 29. The 3-year-old Haynesfield colt had established a clear lead in mid-stretch when favored Holy Soldier fell, allowing Flash McCaul to take the second spot with a dozen lengths back to Tisdale in the small field.

Mason County broke his maiden at Fair Grounds in March for Jones, then came to Delaware and captured an allowance May 28. This year, the colt is a perfect 3-for-3, and earned \$69,000.

Also on June 29, Jones sent out Nancy Dillman's homebred Mademoiselle Coco to her second career victory in an allowance for fillies and mares.

A half-sister to Fox Hill's Horse of the Year Havre de Grace, the 3-year-old broke her maiden at Delaware Park May 25, and then returned to finish third in an allowance June 9.

Wheeled back by Jones against five rivals, including heavily favored Soigne, Mademoiselle Coco duelled for the lead with longshot Summer in Seattle through the first 6 furlongs. Gabriel Saez kept the winner to a long drive and she pulled away to half-length lead in midstretch, before holding off the late bid of Soigne.

Mademoiselle Coco is out of the Carson City mare Easter Bunnette, who died in 2015 from foaling complications. Havre de Grace, also bred by Dillman, was a multiple Grade 1 winner who sold at auction as a yearling for \$380,000, and for \$10 million upon the conclusion of a racing career in which she earned \$2,586,175.

Mademoiselle Coco did not start at 2, making her debut for Jones at Fair Grounds Feb. 20, finishing seventh. She was sixth in a maiden special weight at Keeneland before finding the winner's circle at Delaware Park. From five starts, she's won twice and earned \$46,132.

Jones had won 15 of 43 starts through Aug. 8, and led all trainers with \$907,385 in purse earnings at the meet.

■ Trainer Shug McGaughey's horses have frequented Delaware Park this season, and he came away with a stakes victory July 6 when Stuart Janney III's My Impression won the \$50,000 Christiana Stakes, a 1 $\frac{1}{16}$ -mile turf race for 3-year-old fillies.

The homebred was sent off as the co-favorite with Catherine Wills' Involuntary. With jockey Jose Ortiz coming down from New York to ride, My Impression broke sharply from her outside post 10. Ortiz



My Impression draws off to win the Christiana Stakes for Stuart Janney III and trainer Shug McGaughey.

was then able to settle her just off the pace and within striking distance of early pace-setter It's the Truth.

Heading into the far turn, My Impression took off and seized the lead from It's the Truth, and rolled into the stretch to win by 3/4 lengths over Involuntary, who rallied into second late. The Jonathan Sheppard-trained Outsider Art was third.

My Impression, a daughter of Sky Mesa, broke her maiden last November at Aqueduct, then won an allowance test at the Christiana distance at Tampa Bay Downs in late January.

She was fifth in the Memories of Silver Stakes at Aqueduct in April before her Christiana victory. She has three wins in five starts, with earnings of \$80,815.

My Impression is out of the Janney-bred Impressionism, a daughter of Broad Brush who earned \$185,230. My Impression is her first stakes winner.

■ Jamie Ness, last year's leading trainer at Delaware Park, is well on his way to another title as he was atop the standings through early August.

In 2015, Ness won 40 races at the Stanton oval, with his horses earning more than \$600,000. Through Aug. 9, Ness stood at 25 wins with \$437,207 earned.

Ness won his 2,500th race July 2 at Delaware, sending out Mark Hoffman and Jagger Inc.'s Charlesbrecknridge to take a \$35,000 claiming race.

■ Team Valor International and trainer Arnaud Delacour sent out the debut winner Speak With Me (Fr) to win a maiden special weight at 7½ furlongs on the turf July 6. The 3-year-old colt by Lope de Vega had been bet down to 2-1 thanks to a steady string of works and Delacour's strong meet.

July stakes results for Delaware Park

7/6 Christiana (\$50K). abt 1¼ mi. Turf. 3YO F.

Winner: **MY IMPRESSION** (b.f., Sky Mesa—Impressionism, by Broad Brush). B/O-Stuart S. Janney III (Ky.). T-Claude R. McGaughey III. J-Jose L. Ortiz. Time: 1:44.48. Margin: 3¼. 2nd: **Involuntary**. 3rd: **Outsider Art**.

7/9 Delaware Oaks-G3 (\$300K). 1¼ mi. 3YO F.

Winner: **DARK NILE** (dk.b./br.f., Pioneer of the Nile—Royal Society, by Bernardini). B-Blackstone Farm LLC (Pa.). O-WinStar Farm LLC. T-Arnaud Delacour. J-Daniel Centeno. Time: 1:46.54. Margin: 1¼. 2nd: **A Place to Shine**. 3rd: **Kinsley Kisses**.

7/9 Robert G. Dick Memorial-G3 (\$200K). 1¾ mi. Turf. 3&up, F&M.

Winner: **REAL SMART** (gr./ro.f., 4, Smart Strike—Rose Diamond-Ire, by Daylami-Ire). B/O-Bjorn E. Nielsen (Ky.). T-H. Graham Motion. J-Edgar S. Prado. Time: 2:16.10. Margin: 2. 2nd: **Photo Call (Ire)**. 3rd: **Swear by It**.

7/9 Cape Henlopen (\$50K). 1½ mi. Turf. 3&up.

Winner: **RENOWN (GB)** (ch.g., 5, Champs Elysees-GB—Fame At Last, by Quest for Fame-GB). B-Juddmonte Farms Ltd. (Great Britain). O-Merrielle Stable LLC. T-Elizabeth Voss. J-Angel Cruz. Time: 2:34.96. Margin: nose. 2nd: **Street Fashion**. 3rd: **Biz The Nurse (Ire)**.

7/9 Dashing Beauty (\$50K). 6 F. 3&up, F&M.

Winner: **SWEET ON SMOKEY** (b.f., 4, Successful Appeal—Clochard, by Devil's Bag). B-Tom McCrocklin and Frank Mermenstein (Ky.). O-BB Horses. T-Claudio A. Gonzalez. J-Daniel Centeno. Time: 1:10.22. Margin: head. 2nd: **Disco Chick**. 3rd: **Stormy Sky**.

7/16 Delaware H-G1 (\$750K). 1¼ mi. 3&up, F&M.

Winner: **I'M A CHATTERBOX** (ch.f., 4, Munnings—Chit Chatter, by Lost Soldier). B/O-Fletcher and Carolyn Gray (Ky.). T-J. Larry Jones. J-Florent Geroux. Time: 2:02.64. Margin: 2¼. 2nd: **Paid Up Subscriber**. 3rd: **Penwith**.

7/16 Kent-G3 (\$200K). 1¼ mi. Turf. 3YO.

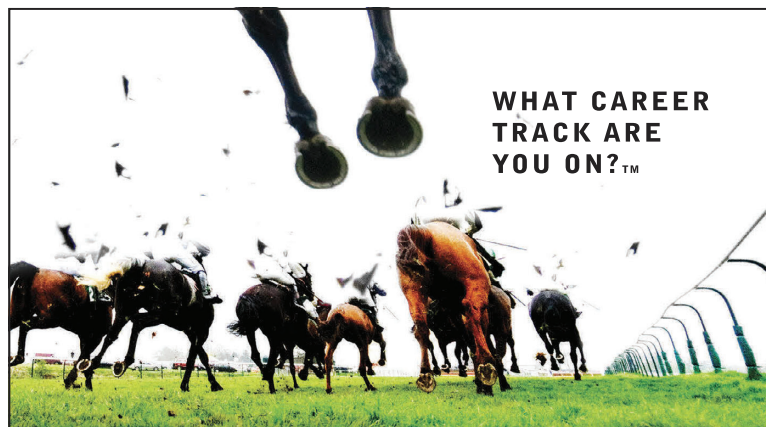
Winner: **AMERICAN PATRIOT** (dk.b./br.c., War Front—Life Well Lived, by Tiznow). B/O-WinStar Farm LLC (Ky.). T-Todd A. Pletcher. J-Jose L. Ortiz. Time: 1:47.19. Margin: 1½. 2nd: **He'll Pay**. 3rd: **Inspector Lynley**.

7/16 Carl Hanford Memorial (\$50K). 1¼ mi. 3&up.

Winner: **BODHISATTVA** (ch.c., 4, Student Council—Dr. Cheryl P., by Talk Is Money). B-Andy Stronach (Calif.). O/T-Jose Corrales. J-Taylor M. Hole. Time: 1:44.20. Margin: 1¼. 2nd: **Savoy Stomp**. 3rd: **Kid Cruz**.

7/16 Hockessin (\$50K). 6 F. 3&up.

Winner: **GREEN GRATTO** (dk.b./br.h., 6, Here's Zealous—Starship Smokester, by Smokester). B-Kaz Hill Farm (N.J.). O-Gaston Grant and Anthony Grant. T-Gaston Grant. J-Jose L. Ortiz. Time: 1:10.82. Margin: ¾. 2nd: **Big Guy Ian**. 3rd: **Sir Rockport**.



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A Driving Family

With 21st win, Md.-bred No Brakes keeps long, winding career on track

BY DAN TORDJMAN. PHOTOGRAPHS BY JIM MCCUE

If ever there was an appropriate name for a warhorse who just refuses to slow down, it would be No Brakes. The 11-year-old son of Parker's Storm Cat—yes, the same noted sire of the ageless Ben's Cat—kept his foot on the gas July 16, winning a \$25,000 starter allowance at Laurel in his 104th career start.

Sitting some 17 lengths off a contested pace that was clicked off in :23.59, :46.75 and 1:12.13, No Brakes made a Silky Sullivan-esque move off the far turn. He passed his five rivals and not only won the mile race, but he drew off by 5½ lengths.

"The horse means a lot to me," said trainer Wayne Potts, who co-owns No Brakes with Thomas Freed's T D C B E Stables. "He's a special horse to me. He don't owe me a dollar, that old man."

Potts, a native of Rockville, Md., who lives in Bowie, claimed the horse for \$4,000 at Timonium last August. Since then, No Brakes has run 14 times, winning four races. He had been winless in six consecutive starts before his emphatic score in July.

Bred in Maryland by John Franzone Jr., No Brakes is out of the Mahogany Hall mare All Apologies. He made his debut in June 2008 at Delaware Park for Franzone and trainer Howard Wolfendale. No Brakes won four of his first 20 starts, and placed fifth in the Deputed Testamony Starter Handicap on the 2010 Preakness Day card at Pimlico.

Ten months after that race, he returned to win at Laurel, out of which he was claimed for \$5,000 by Potts' ex-girlfriend Katherine Sancuk. No Brakes would race

34 times for Sancuk and Freed, who came on as a co-owner, and win six races, highlighted by a victory in the 2011 Deputed Testamony Starter Handicap.

It was during that time that Potts first became enamored with the hard-knocking gelding. The trainer appreciated how playful No Brakes could be in the barn and how fierce he'd turn when it came time to race.

"Once you put tack on him, he's all business. He's a big monster. He handles things the way he should. He goes around there, does what he has to do," Potts said. "But when you get him back to the barn, he's back to his old self. He's like a big teddy bear."

As time went on, Potts' children grew attached to the horse too. The relationship evolved to the point that No Brakes landed in the first stall of the Potts barn.

"When I walk through the door, he's the first horse I see every morning," Potts said. "He will never go in for a claim. When it's time to retire him, I'll find him a retirement home. But he's not going to be the kind of horse you can kick out into a field."

When No Brakes was mired in a stretch of six straight losses earlier this year, Potts acknowledged that he'd fielded some criticism for not retiring the horse. However, the trainer adamantly rejected any notion that No Brakes had nothing more to give.

Potts, knowing the horse as well as anybody, was positive that No Brakes would've been unhappy away from the track. In his horse, Potts still saw the fire to compete, even if the results weren't there earlier in the year.

"I've never lost faith in the horse," he said. "His prior few races were at Penn National, he really didn't have any pace to run into. They went so slow early and he's a late closer. He needs a pace to run at. If he was ever to take a bad step with me or anything that would give me second thoughts of running him, I would never risk putting him out there."

No Brakes affirmed his competitive spirit in July, winning in a way that would suggest he's still enjoying himself in the afternoon. As far as his attitude in the morning, No Brakes is as feisty as ever and isn't one to return to the barn until he gets to stretch his legs out to his own liking.

"The girl I have galloping for me, Anna Carrow, she's done a fantastic job with him because you can't take him out there and jog him a mile, he won't do it," Potts said. "He'll buck, he'll come 4 or 5 feet off the ground. You gotta let him go out there and



Veteran campaigner No Brakes and his people get their picture taken again.

gallop a mile-and-a-half or 2 miles. That's what he wants to do, every day. He really is a pretty cool horse to be around."

With his latest victory, the 21st win of his career, No Brakes reached \$405,583 in earnings.

TRACK RECORD FOR NESS CHARGE

When a trainer has had a horse long enough, the conditioner generally has a pretty strong idea about that horse's ability. Jamie Ness felt that way about Ghost Hunter, and he didn't exactly peg the horse as one to set any records. But that's exactly what the 6-year-old Ghostzapper gelding did at Laurel July 10.

Sent off at 8-1 in a 1 $\frac{1}{16}$ -mile turf optional claiming event in which he was entered for a \$40,000 tag, Ghost Hunter sat just off a hot pace set by Souperfast. At the eighth pole, Ghost Hunter angled out and went right past the leader. The final time was 1:39.00, breaking the All Along Turf Course record of 1:39.80 set by Warning Glance on June 18, 1995.

Ness, who also owns the horse under his racing partnership Jagger Inc., was watching the race on television at Delaware Park.

"Well, I knew they were going pretty good up front," Ness said. "He finished well. I was up there watching on the simulcast, so I didn't really pay any attention to the time."

Once Ness realized Ghost Hunter had set a track record, his reaction was measured. In fact, it didn't really add any excitement to the victory for Ness.

"Not really. I know the horse. I've had him for over two years. So, I know what he is and what he can do," he said. "With the track record, I think he was fortunate to get a good trip and catch a fast track. So, I don't put a lot into that."

If nothing else, the race was a slight boost of confidence for Ness, who had been targeting the \$200,000 Presque Isle Mile Stakes in September for Ghost Hunter. The horse finished fifth in the race last year. The chart comments for Ghost Hunter read simply "unlucky trip" and Ness, to put it mildly, concurred.

"He was so much the best that day but things didn't work out. We're going to go and try to redeem ourselves," Ness said.

Ghost Hunter was bred in Kentucky by Adena Springs. Out of stakes winner Hartfelt, Ghost Hunter is stakes-placed, having finished third in the Claiming Crown Emerald Stakes at Gulfstream last year.

In 2014, Ghost Hunter was claimed by Midwest Thoroughbreds for \$25,000. Ness had trained for Midwest until this past February, when the trainer and owner parted ways.

Despite the separation from the high-volume ownership group, Ness has maintained a stable of about 70 horses, including 25 at Laurel. In early August, Jagger Inc. sat atop the owner standings for the Laurel summer meet and Ness ranked sixth in wins among all trainers at the track.

As for Ghost Hunter, he improved to 12 wins from 37 starts and bumped his career earnings to \$332,530. Five of Ghost Hunter's victories had come at Presque Isle. Ness knew the horse had an affinity for the Pennsylvania oval but after Ghost Hunter's race at Laurel in July, he's left his mark in Maryland, as well.

"I wasn't surprised by the result. The horse has been running real well and he runs good on the turf," Ness said. "It was a great effort on his part but I'm not looking for graded stakes or nothing like that, just because he broke the track record. I'm looking to spot him where he can win again. I know what I've got."

■ He was always right there but Pool Winner rarely seemed to finish on top in 2015. He finished second in six of his 11 starts. Then, in his last race of the year in November, Pool Winner finally made some waves, taking a 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ -furlong turf allowance at Laurel.

Eight months later, winning has become the norm for Colts Neck Stables' homebred 4-year-old son of Broken Vow and the Dixieland Band mare Welcome Home. Pool Winner improved his 2016 mark to a perfect 3-for-3 after winning another turf sprint at Laurel in July. In fact, he hasn't lost since the victory last November.

"He's a very solid horse," said Jorge Duarte, assistant to Pool Winner's trainer Alan Goldberg. "Really, nothing bothers him. He's a nice horse to be around. He's sound. He does everything right."

To be fair, Pool Winner hasn't always been such a joy to be around. Duarte described the horse as being "a little bit on the hot side" for most of 2015, and a handful when it came to shipping him. For that reason, the decision was made to geld Pool Winner after his final start last year.

The result has been everything his connections could have hoped for, and then some.

"Before races, he's using himself up less than he used to," Duarte said. "He's

just a pro now. At least in these first three starts this year, he's been perfect when we take him over to the paddock and stuff like that. I thought gelding him did some good and the time off did him some good."

Following a busy 3-year-old campaign, Pool Winner was given a six-month break before making his 2016 debut at Laurel in May. In what might've indicated a turning of fortunes, Pool Winner emerged victorious in a three-way photo finish. He followed that with a half-length score over the turf at Parx.

Returning to Laurel in July, Pool Winner set blistering splits on the front end and came home a half-length winner. He clocked in at 1:01.34 for 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ furlongs. With ease, he'd put away a salty group of challengers that included graded stakes winner Jack's in the Deck and stakes winner Bold Thunder.

Having now emerged as one of the Mid-Atlantic's top turf sprinters, Pool Winner is being pointed toward some loftier summer and early fall targets.

"We've wanted to step him up on a few occasions," Duarte said. "I think he's ready to step up now. He's in perfect shape. Once you get to this condition, you don't really have any other option than to step him up."

With his recent string of victories, Pool Winner improved to five wins from 14 starts. Pool Winner has only crossed the wire worse than second on three occasions. He's amassed earnings of \$208,840. ✱

Generations of Excellence

World Approval delivers Grade 1 U.N. for Casse, owner/breeder Live Oak

BY LYNNE SNIERSON. PHOTOGRAPHS BY EQUI-PHOTO, INC.

She never met expectations as a performer on the track, needing 13 tries to graduate from the maiden ranks and winning just twice overall. But as a producer, Win Approval was the proverbial gift that kept on giving to Charlotte Weber.

Weber, a doyenne of Thoroughbred racing and breeding, owns 4,500-acre Live Oak Stud in Florida and her horses have been winning prestigious races across North America for close to 50 years. When World Approval, a 4-year-old son of Northern Afleet and Win Approval,

carried Weber's familiar white silks with the red polka dots into the Monmouth Park winner's circle after the United Nations Stakes-G1 July 3, he became the 11th of her charges, the majority of whom were homebreds, to capture a Grade 1 affair.

"Mrs. Weber was thrilled. We all were," said Bruce Hill, general manager of the prestigious operation for the past eight years. "We were hoping for that because he had been knocking on the door. Whenever any of them gets over that hurdle it's always wonderful."

For Win Approval, a daughter of 1989 Canadian Triple Crown winner and Horse of the Year With Approval, and who now lives a life of equine luxury in her verdant surroundings at Live Oak, it was simply a case of been there, done that.

World Approval's older half-siblings are the multiple graded stakes-winning millionaires Miesque's Approval, Revved Up and Za Approval.

"The dam is here with us. She's healthy but she became infertile a few years ago and this is her last foal [of 10]. She's in a



World Approval lengthens stride late to win the United Nations, becoming the 11th Grade 1 winner for Charlotte Weber's Live Oak Stud.

paddock right below Mrs. Weber's residence," said Hill. "The mare is an independent lady and she's very content to be by herself. She likes to look over the fence at a few retired geldings, and we wean some foals each year in that area so she also gets to look over the fence at some weanlings. She's quite content with her shade and her paddock."

World Approval, gray and gelded like his big brothers Za Approval and Revved Up, is following the family hoofprints.

Miesque's Approval, a bay intact horse, won the 2006 Breeders' Cup Mile-G1 and was Eclipse Award-winning turf horse. The son of Miesque's Son earned \$2,648,879 in a 41-race career spanning seven years. Revved Up (by Sultry Song) won \$1,548,653 in 43 races run in nine seasons. Za Approval (by Ghostzapper), World Approval's stablemate in trainer Mark Casse's barn, has brought home checks for \$1,394,666 from 34 races through the beginning of August as part of a still-active six-year career.

The \$180,000 winner's share of the \$300,000 United Nations pushed World Approval's earnings to \$853,450 and his record to six wins in 15 starts.

"If we can get World Approval over the \$1 million mark, that will make four millionaires from this mare," said Hill. "That's very impressive. We don't want to jinx ourselves, and knock on wood, but they [her progeny] all get better with age and they run a long time. So we're just getting warmed up. We hope history repeats itself."

As for history, World Approval is a third-generation runner for Weber, going back to the graded stakes-placed Negotiator (a 1974 daughter of Hoist the Flag). Weber is the granddaughter of John Dorrance, the inventor of the process to condense and can soup and the founder of the Campbell Soup company. Weber and George Strawbridge Jr. of Augustin Stable are cousins.

"She owned the first three dams of World Approval and his is a very gratifying pedigree for Mrs. Weber," said Hill.

At 73, Weber remains intricately involved and ardent about the sport, and she almost always watches in person when her horses run in important stakes.

"She is a true sportswoman," said Hill. "She's kind of a dying breed. She absolutely loves racing and still loves it to this day and is as passionate about it today as ever. She really does love racing and takes an avid interest in the breeding. She puts



Bradester helps put a smile on Joe Bravo's face late in the Grade 2 Monmouth Cup.

the final stamp on every decision that is made. We try to do a little of the ground work for her, but she makes all of the final decisions."

Despite his long Live Oak bloodlines, World Approval will not begin a second career there or at any place else for Weber, who owns shares in various stallions standing in Kentucky.

"He is a gelding and several of Win Approval's sons are. They are independent, just like their mother, but this horse is very manageable. He is a class act, he's pure class, but there is a reason he is a gelding. He is not a rogue, or rank by any means. We'll just call him persnickety," said Hill.

Casse, an August inductee into the Canadian Hall of Fame in his first year of eligibility and an eight-time Sovereign Award winner as that country's top trainer, is a relatively new addition to Live Oak's roster of trainers, which includes Hall of Famer Bill Mott, Tom Albertrani, Christophe Clement, Graham Motion, Eddie Plesa Jr. and Mike Trombetta.

Casse apparently knows how to get along with the finicky World Approval and get the best out of him.

"The horse started with Christophe Clement and Mrs. Weber made some strategic decisions with the stable," said Hill. "She wanted to use Mark and once we did, we had to earmark some horses for him

and put them together and this horse got into that group under Mark's heading. It worked out beautifully."

■ It's tough to tell who was the bigger luminary on the Haskell Invitational undercard, jockey "Jersey" Joe Bravo or the redoubtable Bradester.

Ridden superbly by Bravo, Joe Sutton's Bradester returned to Monmouth and proved that he loves the racing strip—whether it's fast or sloppy—with his successful defense of his title in the Grade 2 Monmouth Cup. With the victory, the Eddie Kenneally-trained horse remained unblemished in three 2016 starts and stretched his Monmouth record to four wins in six tries, with two seconds in his other two Jersey Shore starts.

For his part, Bravo rode three of the four winners of the graded stakes preceding Exaggerator's Haskell victory. The jockey helped Blacktype (Fr) get his first American black type for Clement in the Grade 3 Oceanport and also won the WinStar Matchmaker-G3 with Itonlyactingdad for Todd Pletcher, both over yielding turf.

Pletcher had a good day as well, also winning the Molly Pitcher Stakes-G3 with Genre, who was partnered with Paco Lopez, Monmouth's leading rider again this season. ✱

July stakes results for Monmouth

7/2 **Salvator Mile-G3** (\$100K). 1 mi. 3&up.

Winner: **RES JUDICATA** (ch.g., 6, Smarty Jones—Mohonour, by Honour and Glory). B-Patricia L. Chapman (Pa.). O-Someday Farm. T-John C. Servis. J-Nik Juarez. Time: 1:36.07. Margin: 3¾. 2nd: **Allied Air Raid**. 3rd: **Mr. Jordan**.

7/3 **United Nations-G1** (\$300K). 1½ mi. Turf. 3&up.

Winner: **WORLD APPROVAL** (gr./ro.g., 4, Northern Afleet—Win Approval, by With Approval). B-Live Oak Stud (Fla.). O-Live Oak Plantation. T-Mark E. Casse. J-Florent Geroux. Time: 2:14.66. Margin: 1¼. 2nd: **Money Multiplier**. 3rd: **Wake Forest (Ger)**.

7/4 **Lady's Secret** (\$100K). 1 mi. 70 yds. 3&up, F&M.

Winner: **ANGELA RENEE** (b.f., 4, Bernardini—Pilfer, by Deputy Minister). B-Siena Farms LLC (Ky.). O-Don Alberto Stable. T-Chad C. Brown. J-Paco Lopez. Time: 1:40.77. Margin: 2. 2nd: **Genre**. 3rd: **Eskenformoney**.

7/9 **Long Branch** (\$100K). 1¼ mi. 3YO.

Winner: **NO DISTORTION** (ch.c., Distorted Humor—Pacific Spell, by Langfuhr). B/O-Brereton C. Jones (Ky.). T-J. Larry Jones. J-Gabriel Saez. Time: 1:42.81. Margin: 3¼. 2nd: **Unbridled Daddy**. 3rd: **Uncle Vinny**.

7/10 **Wolf Hill** (\$60K). 5½ F. (Off Turf). 3&up.

Winner: **RAINBOW HEIR** (ch.h., 6, Wildcat Heir—Rainbow Pride, by Prospectors Gamble). B/O-New Farm (N.J.). T-Jason Servis. J-Antonio A. Gallardo. Time: 1:02.72. Margin: 7¾. 2nd: **Beantown Saint**. 3rd: **Saratoga Dreamer**.

7/17 **Miss Woodford** (\$75K). 6 F. 3YO F.

Winner: **APPEALING MAGGIE** (b.f., Successful Appeal—Belgian Chocolate, by Tale of the Cat). B-VinMar Farm (Ky.). O-Black Swan Stable. T-Michael E. Hushion. J-Christopher P. DeCarlo. Time: 1:09.23. Margin: 3¾. 2nd: **Giddy Up**. 3rd: **Bodacious Babe**.

7/23 **Jersey Shore-G3** (\$100K). 6 F. 3YO.

Winner: **FRONT POCKET MONEY** (b.g., Uncle Mo—Turbulent Times, by Fusaichi Pegasus). B-Christina Kelly (Ky.). O-J. Kirk and Judy Robison. T-Steven M. Asmussen. J-Antonio A. Gallardo. Time: 1:09.93. Margin: ¾. 2nd: **Yellow Chips**. 3rd: **Colonel Sharp**.

7/23 **Lamplighter** (\$60K). 1¼ mi. Turf. 3YO.

Winner: **FRANKLIN TOWERS** (ch.g., City Zip—Leioa-Arg, by Engrillado). B/O-Clarke Ohrstrom (Ky.). T-Jane Cibelli. J-Nik Juarez. Time: 1:40.80. Margin: neck. 2nd: **Noble Quality**. 3rd: **Vulcan's Forge**.

7/24 **Boiling Springs-G3** (\$100K). 1½ mi. Turf. 3YO F.

Winner: **TIN TYPE GAL** (ch.f., Tapit—Miss Shop, by Deputy Minister). B/O-My Meadowview Farm LLC (Ky.). T-H. Graham Motion. J-Trevor McCarthy. Time: 1:47.71. Margin: neck. 2nd: **Galileo's Song (Ire)**. 3rd: **Verbouwen**.

7/30 **Regret** (\$75K). 6 F. 3&up, F&M.

Winner: **STONETASTIC** (gr./ro.m., 5, Mizzen Mast—Special Me, by Unbridled's Song). B-Machmer Hall, Carrie Brogden and Craig Brogden (Ky.). O-Stoneway Farm. T-Kelly J. Breen. J-Paco Lopez. Time: 1:08.37. Margin: 6¾. 2nd: **Bustin Out**. 3rd: **Sky Gold**.

7/31 **Haskell Invitational-G1** (\$1M). 1½ mi. 3YO.

Winner: **EXAGGERATOR** (dk.b./br.c., Curlin—Dawn Raid, by Vindication). B-Joseph B. Murphy (Ky.). O-Big Chief Racing LLC, Head of Plains Partners LLC, Rocker O Ranch LLC et al. T-J. Keith Desormeaux. J-Kent J. Desormeaux. Time: 1:48.70. Margin: 1½. 2nd: **American Freedom**. 3rd: **Sunny Ridge**.

7/31 **Monmouth Cup-G2** (\$200K). 1¼ mi. 3&up.

Winner: **BRADESTER** (b.h., 6, Lion Heart—Grandestofall, by Grand Slam). B-Doug Branham (Ky.). O-Joseph W. Sutton. T-Eddie Kenneally. J-Joe Bravo. Time: 1:42.21. Margin: 2½. 2nd: **Scuba**. 3rd: **Mr. Jordan**.

7/31 **Oceanport-G3** (\$150K). 1¼ mi. Turf. 3&up.

Winner: **BLACKTYPE (Fr)** (dk.b./br.g., 5, Dunkerque—Theorie, by Anabaa). B-E.A.R.L. Haras Du Quesnay (France). O-Jump Sucker Stable. T-Christophe Clement. J-Joe Bravo. Time: 1:45.64. Margin: neck. 2nd: **Kharafa**. 3rd: **War Dancer**.

7/31 **Matchmaker-G3** (\$100K). 1½ mi. Turf. 3&up, F&M.

Winner: **ITSONLYACTINGDAD** (b.f., 4, Giant's Causeway—Indy Business, by A.P. Indy). B-Bluegrass Hall LLC (Ky.). O-Starlight Racing. T-Todd A. Pletcher. J-Joe Bravo. Time: 1:52.27. Margin: 1¼. 2nd: **Tammy the Torpedo**. 3rd: **Uchenna (Ire)**.

7/31 **Molly Pitcher-G3** (\$100K). 1¼ mi. 3&up, F&M.

Winner: **GENRE** (b.f., 4, Bernardini—French Park, by Ecton Park). B-William E. Graves and Gainesway Thoroughbreds Ltd. (Ky.). O-Cheyenne Stables LLC. T-Todd A. Pletcher. J-Paco Lopez. Time: 1:43.10. Margin: neck. 2nd: **Eskenformoney**. 3rd: **Birdatthewire**.



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Big Payday

Longshot maiden winner Yasamin delights veteran trainer Riviezzo

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Sharon McKenzie's Yasamin did not have a promising debut at Parx Racing June 28, finishing last after becoming fractious in the gate and racing in a lackluster fashion on a sloppy track, in a race that had been washed off the turf.

The filly parlayed that disappointing start into a rousing, front-running score July 19 as she grabbed the lead right out of the gate in a \$63,500 maiden special weight on the turf at 53-1 and never looked back, giving her seven rivals the slip and zipping away to a 2¼-length score for jockey David Castillo.

While Parx punters were left scratching their heads at Yasamin's form turnaround and her \$108.40 payoff, it didn't surprise her trainer, longtime Bensalem backstretch resident Ralph Riviezzo.

"She hated the slop in her first race," said Riviezzo, a former Philadelphia

mounted policeman and a blacksmith who has been training since 1976. "But she breezed well afterward and I had my suspicions that she would really like the grass. She has a grass foot and her pasterns are fairly long. Plus, I didn't think it was such a tough field that she was facing. She left the gate running, and the rest is history."

Riviezzo said he didn't bet Yasamin to win, only playing her in an exacta with another horse that did not finish second. The 3-year-old Pennsylvania-bred daughter of Misbah out of the Devil's Bag mare Devil's Quest earned \$42,000, which Riviezzo called a godsend.

"I've been living like Rambo the last couple of years, so for me the trainer's share is like hitting the lottery," said the 70-year-old. "I was thankful that Sharon gave me a couple of horses to train. After she won, people were asking me if I was

going to celebrate, and I said I'm on my way to McDonald's for a Happy Meal."

While Yasamin has brought much-welcome monetary relief to Riviezzo, whose horses earned \$15,558 last year, he said he intends to use some of his earnings to assist an elderly neighbor with a veterinary bill.

"She doesn't have much money to live on, and her dog needs medicine she can't afford, so I'm going to help her out," said Riviezzo.

PURE SENSATION DASHES TO WIN

The first five runnings of the \$200,000 Parx Dash-G3 turf sprint saw one horse win three times—regional superstar Ben's Cat. The durable Maryland-bred triumphed from 2012 through 2014, finished sixth in 2015, and was back for another crack at the \$120,000 winner's prize in 2016.

After heavy overnight rains wreaked havoc with the already-stressed Parx turf course, Ben's Cat was forced to negotiate the 5 furlongs of the Parx Dash on squishy "yielding" sod, which was not kind to closers but tailor-made for frontrunners like Patricia Generazio's Pure Sensation.

Ben's Cat, known for his exciting, off-the-pace punch, was compromised at the break when the Alan Goldberg-trained Take Cover slammed into him, and then tried his best to make up ground after racing toward the rear of the eight-horse field until the head of the stretch.

But Pure Sensation, ridden by former Parx leading rider Kendrick Carmouche, had come away cleanly, shot to the lead, and then held off all challengers, winning by 2¼ lengths in :57.35. The course record is held by none other than Ben's Cat, who stepped the distance in :54.96 in 2012.

Pure Sensation, a 5-year-old Florida-bred son of Zensational out of the Disco Rico mare Pure Disco, came in off a rousing score in the Grade 3 Jaipur at Belmont Park in June, and was installed the race favorite over second choice Ben's Cat and Fast Flying Rumor.

Power Alert (Aus) overcame bumping at the start to finish second, while Ben's Cat rallied for third.

Pure Sensation is based in New York with trainer Christophe Clement. The Parx Dash was the sixth victory of his 17-race career, and he's earned \$748,415.

The gelding represents the third generation of homebreds for Generazio, who bred and raced horses in New Jersey for several decades. His dam Pure Disco was bred in the Garden State, and she made

July stakes results for Parx Racing

7/4 Dr. James Penny Memorial-G3 (\$200K). 1¼ mi. Turf. 3&up, F&M.

Winner: **ZIPESSA** (ch.f., 4, City Zip—Precious Princess, by Horse Chestnut-SAf). B-G. Watts Humphrey Jr. and Sally S. Humphrey (Ky.). O-Empyrean Stables. T-Michael Stidham. J-Florent Geroux. Time: 1:41.42. Margin: 2. 2nd: **TuttiPaesi (Ire)**. 3rd: **Tiger Ride**.

7/9 Parx Dash-G3 (\$200K). 5 F. Turf. 3&up.

Winner: **PURE SENSATION** (gr./ro.g., 5, Zensational—Pure Disco, by Disco Rico). B/O-Patricia Generazio (Fla.). T-Christophe Clement. J-Kendrick Carmouche. Time: :57.35. Margin: 2¼. 2nd: **Power Alert (Aus)**. 3rd: **Ben's Cat**.

7/23 Crowd Pleaser (\$100K). abt. 1¼ mi. Turf. Reg. PA-Bred 3YO.

Winner: **SARATOGA JACK** (dk.b./br.c., Emperor Tiberius—Thinkoutsidethebox, by Williamstown). B-Kate Goldenberg and Helen Boynton (Pa.). O-Jean Mahoney. T-Miguel Vera. J-Jose Luis Flores. Time: 1:44.47. Margin: 5¾. 2nd: **Wychmere**. 3rd: **Smarty Mr D**.

7/23 Power by Far (\$100K). abt. 5 F. Turf. Reg. PA-Bred, 3&up, F&M.

Winner: **FAT KAT** (b.m., 5, Weigelia—Katarica Disco, by Disco Rico). B-Wynooks Farm LLC and St. Omers Farm (Pa.). O-L and C Racing LLC, Squire Thoroughbreds LLC and Wake The Dame. T-Robert E. Reid Jr. J-Edwin Rivera. Time: :57.18. Margin: 2¾. 2nd: **Royal Renege**. 3rd: **Persnickity**.

all but three of her 29 lifetime starts at Monmouth Park and Meadowlands. She won six stakes, including the 2005 New Jersey Futurity, and was voted the state's champion handicap female in 2007. Pure Disco earned \$496,840.

Pure Disco's dam, V for Vera (by Concorde's Tune), was bred and raced by Generazio and was trained by her husband, Frank. The hard-knocking mare, who made 44 starts, is also the dam of Crafty Concorde, a son of former New Jersey-based sire Crafty Friend, who was stakes-placed and earned more than \$200,000.

■ Arlington Park-based Zipessa, from the Michael Stidham stable, shipped to Bensalem July 4 and came away with a front-running victory in the \$200,000 Dr. James Penny Memorial-G3, at 1 $\frac{1}{16}$ miles on the turf.

Getting out of the gate quickly, Zipessa established a nearly 2-length lead early under a snug hold from Florent Geroux. The jockey nursed the 4-year-old daughter of City Zip down the backstretch and around the far turn, then turned for home with a 2-length lead. She was challenged late by Tuttipaesi (Ire), but Zipessa responded and won by 2 lengths in 1:41.42 over firm going. Tuttipaesi was second, with Tiger Ride third.

Zipessa, out of the Horse Chestnut (SAf) mare Precious Princess, was bred in Kentucky by G. Watts and Sally Humphrey, and was purchased by her owner, Empyrean Stables, for \$67,000 at the Fasig-Tipton Kentucky fall yearling sale. The Penny Memorial was her first graded and stakes victory. Lifetime, she has a record of four wins from eight starts, and earned \$292,250.

■ After more than a decade of riding at Parx Racing, Frankie Pennington has consistently been at the top of the jockey standings. He finished 2014 as the winningest jockey at the Bensalem course, completing the year-long season with 143 winners, 33 more than runner-up Carmouche.

Pennington (also the 2006 leader) came right back in 2015, nabbing the jockey title with 124 winners, 22 more than J.D. Acosta. Through Aug. 8, Pennington had won 67 races to sit atop the standings by 16 over Hector Caballero. On July 10, Pennington achieved a career milestone when he captured his 2,000th race, winning aboard the Kelly Breen-trained Now We Are Free.



Pure Sensation sprints toward the finish of the Grade 3 Parx Dash, his sixth win for owner/breeder Patricia Generazio.



Zipessa and Florent Geroux head for home in the Grade 3 Dr. James Penny Memorial for trainer Mike Stidham. She finished third in the Grade 1 Beverly D. one start later.

The 29-year-old native of Big Springs, Tex., came to Parx as an apprentice in 2005, and immediately his career took off. In 2006, he set a new single-season mark for number of wins at Parx (the former Philadelphia Park), breaking the old record of 255 wins formerly shared by Robert Colton and Gwen Jocson. ✱

In the Family

Redaspen's son Wychmere scores for owner/breeder Equivine

BY LINDA DOUGHERTY. PHOTOGRAPHS BY B N D PHOTOGRAPHY

During her racing career, Redaspen was an outstanding performer for her owner and breeder, Valerie McNeeley's Equivine Farm.

The daughter of Bianconi was foaled at Equivine, near Coatesville, Pa., and was trained for most of her career by Fair Hill Training Center-based Tim Woolley, for whom she captured four of her five stakes victories. Her last win and final start came at Calder Race Course, where she won the Grade 2 La Prevoyante Handicap under the care of Rebecca Baker.

Retired to the broodmare ranks at Equivine with nine wins from 24 starts and \$459,473, she produced multiple allowance winner Calamondin, a son of Curlin, in 2010; Sonny Corleone, foaled in 2011 by Mr. Greeley, who is graded stakes-placed in Peru, and her latest, Wychmere, a son of Cape Blanco (Ire) foaled in 2013.

Wychmere, trained by Cal Lynch at Laurel Park, broke his maiden at Parx Racing in October, and was third in the \$100,000 Pennsylvania Nursery Stakes there in early December, finishing behind winner Bird of Trey and eventual open stakes winner Morning Fire.

The colt kicked off his 3-year-old season at Laurel with the first of three consecutive placings in allowance company. He got his first win of the year in a turf allowance against Pennsylvania-breds at Penn National July 8.

Facing 10 rivals, Wychmere trailed through the first half-mile. Jockey Luis Garcia then swung the chestnut colt outside rivals down the backstretch, rallied on the far turn, and seized command at the top of the stretch, blowing past leader Taylors Bridge. The momentum propelled Wychmere to a 2-length lead approaching the eighth pole, which turned into a

6½-length advantage as he cruised under the wire in 1:41.48 on the firm going.

Wychmere next out finished second in the \$100,000 Crowd Pleaser Stakes at Parx July 23.

■ After 24 starts, owner/trainer Chuck Spina's Royal Six Shooter finally broke through to the next level and captured an allowance race, overcoming a stumbling start to prevail by a neck over fellow Pennsylvania-breds July 9.

The 4-year-old daughter of Don Six bred by Greenfields Farm recovered quickly after her troubled break and was placed in a stalking position by David Cora. Favorite Mile End maintained her lead around the turn and into upper stretch, before Royal Six Shooter prevailed in a long drive. The winner is out of the winning Partner's Hero mare Royal Partner, who was bred by William Purdey in New Jersey. Purdey, who owned Greenfields Farm with his wife Frances, died in 2002, but his wife has kept the 100-acre farm in Colts Neck, founded in 1937, as a Thoroughbred nursery.

Among the best horses bred by the Purdeys were Spruce Fir, the 1987 New Jersey-bred Horse of the Year and fourth-generation homebred, who won a dozen stakes and earned \$698,703, as well as Dance Floor, who was third in the 1992 Kentucky Derby-G1.

Fran Purdey said that Royal Troupe, a half-sister to Dance Floor and the dam of Royal Partner, is still living at age 30. She was also bred by her husband and raced for them; the daughter of Akureyri was stakes-placed at Monmouth Park in 1989 while trained by Harry Wells. In addition to Royal Partner, she also produced stakes winner Royal Form, a daughter of Dynaformer, and stakes-placed Troubator and Close Call.

Royal Partner, Purdey said, had a colt in 2015 by Chips Are Down, who stands at Greenfields, and did not produce a foal this year.

■ Ellendale Racing, the stable name of Dale Schilling and his wife Ellen Lea, has produced many homebred winners over the years, with their runners earning more than \$2.1 million in the last decade.

The couple's latest success story is Little Stella, a 4-year-old daughter of Lewis Michael, who has steadily ascended in the class ranks this season and won her third consecutive race July 21.

Little Stella started nine times before breaking her maiden April 8 at 5½ furlongs on the turf at Laurel Park for a \$14,000 tag. She returned June 18 at Penn National to win a conditional 5-furlong claiming race, also on the turf. Trainer Lizzie Merryman then stepped the dark bay filly up into a \$33,300 allowance, once again sprinting on the turf, and she responded with an off-the-pace dazzler. Kept under a tight hold by jockey Andrew Wofsfont until the final furlong, she charged past She's Chubs to win by 1½ lengths in :56.75 for 5 furlongs.

Little Stella is out of the Stormin Fever mare Party Fever, who raced in the mid-Atlantic for trainer Michael Matz. As a broodmare for Ellendale, she produced Big Feat, who won the 2013 Crowd Pleaser Handicap at Parx and earned \$137,460 in his career. Big Feat was also trained by Merryman.

Party Fever sold in 2014 at the Fasig-Tipton December mixed sale for \$20,000, in foal to Majestic Warrior, to Chuck Zacney. She produced a Pennsylvania-bred filly in 2015; this year, she foaled a filly by dual classic winner Afleet Alex.

Schilling, treasurer of the Pennsylvania Horse Breeders Association and an equine veterinarian, and Lea own Willow Lake Farm, a patch of green off busy Butler Pike in Whitmarsh Township, Pa.

"The farm is 165 acres, and has been owned by my family since the 1930s," said Lea. "My mother preserved the land through a conservation easement with the Wissahickon Valley Watershed Association, and we lease most of the pastures, but own the barn and the home."

Among the best horses bred by Ellendale is the multiple stakes-winning warrior Roadhog, who won 10 races over his 44-start career and earned \$670,240. The gelding won the Maryland Million Turf at Laurel Park in 2012 and 2013, the latter in which he gunned down Ben's Cat to win

by a neck. The son of Bowman's Band also captured a quartet of Pennsylvania-bred stakes at all three Keystone State venues. Now 9, Roadhog was recently retired to Willow Lake, to become Lea's riding horse.

■ The seventh try proved to be the charm for Stacy and Gary Machiz's homebred Late Breaking News, who broke his maiden July 20 with a 15-length score over fellow Pennsylvania-breds.

The 3-year-old son of Jump Start had finished no better than fourth in his six previous races, at Parx, Belmont Park and Monmouth Park. Stretched out to a mile at Penn by trainer Stacy Machiz, Late Breaking News responded with a front-running score under Maria Remedio. At every pole, the gelding increased his advantage, until he was 10 lengths in front in mid-stretch and then 15 at the wire.

The gelding's dam, Very Distinctive (by Mutakddim) was also owned by the couple and trained by Stacy Machiz; she won the 2008 Dear Jane Stakes at Penn National and earned \$160,388. The owners hail from Cream Ridge, N.J., and Gary Machiz is a longtime Standardbred trainer. ★

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Owner/breeder Karp, trainer Houghton form strong partnership

BY DAN TORDJMAN. PHOTOGRAPHS BY COADY PHOTOGRAPHY

Larry Karp and Bernie Houghton talk all the time—they have to. Houghton trains 10 horses for Karp who, along with his wife Barbara, breed and race as Barlar LLC. But here's the thing, Karp and Houghton hardly know what the other looks like.

"I talk to him every day but I've only met him one time in person," Houghton said. "If he came up to me right now, I might not even recognize him."

Karp, 73, either due to superstition or simple geographic inconvenience, hasn't made many trips to Pennsylvania, where Houghton races most of Barlar's horses. The only time owner and trainer met was at Northview Stallion Station, shortly after Karp moved his racing operation to the Mid-Atlantic about seven years ago.

Karp owned and stood E Dubai at Northview in Pennsylvania and Maryland. He later moved the stallion to Elite Thoroughbreds in Louisiana, before selling him to a farm in Argentina last year.

In 2010, Karp bred one of his foundation mares, China Sky, to Jump Start—whom he also owns several shares in. The result of the pairing was a filly named Bound.

"I had one other filly out of China Sky [Lune Rouge] who was a stakes winner," Karp said. "So, my expectations were always moderate. I have learned in this business that you really need to learn to temper your expectations."

While Karp was breeding in the Mid-Atlantic, and transitioning the majority of his racing operation to Pennsylvania, he gradually separated from longtime trainer Joe Kasperski. The two had worked together for more than 25 years in Illinois, where Karp's operation had been previously based.

Karp, who himself lives in Texas, began looking for a new trainer in Pennsylvania. He reached out to his friend Carl McEntee, director of bloodstock services for Northview at the time.

McEntee was the person who'd introduced Karp to Houghton on that singular occasion when the two met. And McEntee had just the lead for Karp.

"He said, 'Do you remember Bernie Houghton?'" Karp recalled.

Indeed, Karp had remembered Houghton. McEntee reconnected the owner and trainer, and they began a conversation over the phone—which still, to this day, is the only means through which they interact. And, just like that, Houghton began training for Karp.

In 2013, Bound made her racing debut and it was fortunate for Karp that he hadn't set high expectations to start. The filly lost her first two races by a combined 16¾ lengths. Both failed efforts were sprints on the dirt at Penn National.

Houghton and Karp decided to try something new and stretched out Bound to a mile in her next race. She won by 6¼ lengths. Including that third race of her career, Bound has won eight of her last 19 starts and has only finished out of the money on four occasions.

"She's remarkably consistent and I love having her," Karp said.

Karp and Houghton had to really love what they saw in July when Bound won her third career stakes race, the \$100,000 Northern Fling at Presque Isle.

Under Julio Hernandez, the 5-year-old mare rallied late to beat Sajor Stable's race-favorite R Frosty One by a half-length. Bound clocked in at 1:37.92 for the mile distance.

"We zeroed in on this race," Houghton said. "We prepared her in an allowance. It wasn't the right distance but we wanted to get a race under her. We picked this race out. All along this year, this was our race."

Houghton believes Bound is in her best form. Not only has she earned \$416,174, Karp has also benefitted from all of the breeders and owners incentives tied to his Pennsylvania-bred. In addition to the \$60,000 in Northern Fling purse money, Karp also scored nearly \$40,000 in bonuses.

"Where can you go where you can make \$100,000 and run against horses that are not the American Pharoahs or the Cavortings or the Rachel Alexandras? That's the beauty of this program in Pennsylvania. That's the reason I'm still in it," Karp said.

Bound actually completes an equine triumvirate which has not only kept Karp in the game for 33 years but has also made racing a profitable business venture. The two other horses to whom Karp credits



Bound charges to the finish line in the Northern Fling Stakes for owner/breeder Larry Karp, a Texas resident, and Pennsylvania-based trainer Bernie Houghton.

much of his success are Words of War and Beboppin Baby. The latter was a \$32,000 claim who turned into a multiple graded stakes winner.

But Words of War really opened Karp's eyes to what was possible through breeding. Purchased as a yearling for \$28,000, the daughter of Lord At War (Arg) earned \$683,832 on the track for Karp and his partners.

In 1996, Karp bred Words of War to Nureyev, and then sold the mare in foal for \$440,000. That foal would turn out to be Del Mar Oaks-G1 winner No Matter What. Words of War went on to produce a number of other notable runners and sires, including—in a remarkable bit of synchronicity—Karp's eventual Mid-Atlantic leading sire E Dubai.

Twenty years later, Karp has no regrets about selling Words of War, or losing Beboppin Baby to a claim before the horse went on to win more than \$150,000 for new owners. On the contrary, Karp took pleasure in seeing others benefit from horses who had already given him so much.

"It changed me. It changed my whole perspective on the business," Karp said. "Those two kept me in this business for 25 years until I went to Pennsylvania. You know how hard it is to stay in the business and not lose any money over 25 years? It's almost impossible but those two horses kept me in it. I get chills when I think about the two of them."

These days, it's Bound that gives Karp that same feeling. Except now, it might be a little harder for him to let go of his stable's top mare.

"If you told me that in my whole career I could have American Pharoah once, and never ever have a horse that was worth more than a dime, or I could have a barnful of horses like Bound, I'd give up American Pharoah for Bound. She's the kind of horse that every time she goes out there, she'll give you everything she has. She doesn't know any other way. She outruns her natural ability," he said.

If nothing else, Bound has proven that convention is overrated. Her success, in spite of one unlikely arrangement between owner and trainer, is the ultimate testament to the random nature of racing. For Karp, the journey has often been unpredictable, but rarely has it been anything less than enjoyable.

■ It never hurts to have friends like Mike Trombetta. When the Maryland-based trainer picked up his phone in May and fel-



Dynamic Strike fights off Granny's Kitten near the finish of the Leematt Stakes for owner Ronald Clark and trainer Gerald Brooks.

low trainer Gerald Brooks was on the other end of the cell tower, Trombetta was asked for his opinion and he was more than willing to oblige.

Brooks was calling to ask about Dynamic Strike—a horse Trombetta had previously trained for Fitzhugh LLC—and he received a ringing endorsement.

Just two months earlier, Dynamic Strike had been claimed from Trombetta by Bill Campbell for owner William Bayne Jr.

The 6-year-old gelded son of Smart Strike, bred in Pennsylvania by Fitzhugh, had won six races for his former connections, including last year's Leematt Stakes at Presque Isle.

With this year's Leematt Stakes looming, Brooks noticed Dynamic Strike had been entered by his new owner for a \$32,000 tag at Pimlico. At that point Brooks called Trombetta, a longtime friend and colleague, and asked him for the lowdown.

"Mike had lost the horse back in [March]. The horse won the [Leematt] last year and won an allowance race at Presque Isle and he really took to the synthetic pretty well," Brooks said. "So, when I called up Mike, I asked him if he was going back in for the horse and he said 'No'. So, I went in for him."

Dynamic Strike finished second in the race that Brooks claimed him out of, for owner Ronald Clark. Two months later, Dynamic Strike showed up for the Leematt. It didn't go exactly how Brooks had drawn it up, but in the end it would work out. Dynamic Strike broke next-to-last in the field of seven. The pace wasn't all that fast and Dynamic Strike had to rally wide into the stretch under Willie Martinez. But he closed ground late and got up just in time, while holding off favorite Granny's Kitten by a neck.

"I saw us making a move but I didn't think he was going to get up to win. I didn't think we had enough time to get up," Brooks said. "It was very exciting."

The race was also satisfying to Dynamic Strike's former trainer.

"He'd been very good to us," Trombetta said, "but we lost him in March. His new connections pointed him to that race. [Brooks] happens to be a friend of mine. I'm glad to see him able to win the stake. It's good for them, it's good for the breeder, it's good for everybody."

In winning his second consecutive Leematt, Dynamic Strike moved his career win total to seven victories and increased his career earnings to \$353,590. ★

July stakes results for Presque Isle Downs

7/10 Leematt (\$100K). 1 mi. Reg. PA-Bred, 3&up.

Winner: **DYNAMIC STRIKE** (ch.g., 6, Smart Strike—Dynamic Deputy, by Deputy Minister). B-Fitzhugh LLC (Pa.). O-Ronald Clark. T-Gerald E. Brooks. J-Willie Martinez. Time: 1:37.89. Margin: neck. 2nd: **Granny's Kitten**. 3rd: **Grand Old Game**.

7/12 Northern Fling (\$100K). 1 mi. Reg. PA-Bred, 3&up, F&M.

Winner: **BOUND** (b.m., 5, Jump Start—China Sky, by Skywalker). B/O-Barlar LLC (Pa.). T-T. Bernard Houghton. J-Julio A. Hernandez. Time: 1:37.92. Margin: ½. 2nd: **R Frosty One**. 3rd: **Valued Strike**.

Back On Stride

Bob Le Beau wins Saratoga's Smithwick in 2016 debut for The Fields Stable, Voss

BY JOE CLANCY. PHOTOGRAPHS BY TOD MARKS

Elizabeth Voss summed up winning a jump race in 11 words.

"It's huge, it's great, it's amazing. But I'm glad it's over."

That's what happens when you send out two horses from the ends of the spectrum in the Grade 1 A.P. Smithwick Memorial Stakes at Saratoga Race Course. Portrade

(Ire), the longest shot on the board, led early. Bob Le Beau (Ire), the shortest shot on the board, trailed in the 2 $\frac{1}{16}$ -mile race run Aug. 4.

On paper, it looked simple, a 42-1 shot setting it up for a 4-5 shot. Strategy and execution jelled until the second-last hurdle, when Portrade misjudged his stride,

clouting the fence and rocking jockey Gus Dahl, who sat like a coxswain. Eight horses later, Bob Le Beau didn't do much better, miscuing, pulling Jack Doyle's reins like spaghetti through a strainer.

Undaunted, Bob Le Beau responded when Doyle squeezed on landing, ripping through the field to win the \$125,000 stakes by a length over Scorpiancer (Ire). Portrade picked up, re-rallied and wound up third.

Owned by The Fields Stable, Bob Le Beau earned his third Grade 1 stakes triumph since making his American debut in 2014 and put himself into the championship picture.

Doyle melted Bob Le Beau from the start, sliding from the outside to the inside and finding cover behind nine rivals by the time the field reached the first hurdle.

Also owned by The Fields, Portrade cut out the early tempo as Balance the Budget drafted in second. Overwhelming led the



Bob Le Beau (right) keeps Scorpiancer at bay late in the Grade 1 A.P. Smithwick Memorial at Saratoga.

peloton of Rudyard K, Demonstrative, Schoodic and Spirit of Shankly (GB). Maserati (Brz), Scorpiancer and Bob Le Beau settled in the back.

The order had barely changed as the field turned down the backside the final time and aimed at the seventh of eight fences. Portrade and Bob Le Beau did their version of synchronized gaffing, nearly throwing it away.

Doyle was concerned. But, only briefly. "I was like 'Oh, I'm in a bit of trouble.' I just put my leg on him and he came right back and I was like, 'I've got loads of horse,'" Doyle said. "I went down to the last and he winged it, I was like, 'I'm going to get there too soon.' From where he was, he's an unbelievable horse."

Doyle slid Bob Le Beau around three horses leaving the backside, then went inside the rest as Balance the Budget drifted and hampered Scorpiancer who was the only other horse closing ground.

"I got right around the inner, there was about a half a gap there, but he's so quick, he was gone through it before they realized he was there," Doyle said. "Still, he got to the front and was like 'OK, I've got enough done now.'"

Bob Le Beau finished 2 $\frac{1}{16}$ miles in 3:51.20 for his 14th win from 49 starts, dating back to a 2-year-old maiden at Ireland's Gowran Park in 2009. Placed in two Group 3 stakes on the flat in Ireland, including a second behind 10-time Group 1 winner So You Think (NZ) in the Mooresbridge Stakes, Bob Le Beau switched to hurdling in 2013, winning twice. By the next summer, he was at Saratoga and struggling.

He finished sixth in the Jonathan Kiser, then lost Doyle in the Walsh a few weeks later.

"His first run three years ago, he bled and he must have hurt his back, because he was a lunatic the next day, he couldn't jump, I fell off him," Doyle said. "When I went home that fall, everything was hurting him. When I came back the next spring, he was a different horse. Now he's free of pain, he's just a little bit happier and relaxed. To look at him, he's not much, he's a funny shape, he doesn't walk, but he's some horse. I love him."

Last year, Bob Le Beau won the Grade 3 National Hunt Cup, finished fourth in the Smithwick, then stormed to wins in the Grade 1 New York Turf Writers Cup and Lonesome Glory. The 2016 Smithwick win



Dr. Skip (white cap) jumps early, alongside Miguel Grau, early in a handicap win at Saratoga.

gave him \$617,457 in career earnings on the flat and over fences.

This spring, Voss scratched him because of soft ground and waited for a Parx flat race for jumpers, which he won easily, setting him up for his 2016 hurdle debut in the Smithwick.

"With two fences left I was like come on Jack, are we moving yet? I was a little worried carrying the 158, was he going to have that kick? But he's just an impressive horse," Voss said. "You look at him and you don't think anything, but he's an athlete and he tries his heart out. He's definitely mellowed out and is more chilled about everything than he used to be."

Saratoga steeplechase wins tend to trigger emotions and the Smithwick did its part as The Fields Stable's Laddie Merck thought back to a Tom Voss-trained horse who won the Smithwick back in 1997. A lot of water, sweet water, has passed since. Merck's mother and partner in The Fields Stable, Betty, died in 2015. Tom Voss, Elizabeth's father and the only trainer The Fields Stable ever had, died in 2014.

"Mom is smiling. I stay involved to remember how much fun it was together and how we have those great memories of mom and the horses. This race was the first stakes we ever won—with Brigade of Guards," Merck said. "They gave us the champagne and a big fat VHS Tape. Tom loved this race and the families are very

close. Here we are [almost 20 years] later winning the same race."

DR. SKIP WINS MD-BRED PHOTO

Eddie Graham waited.

"I think his head was down," the trainer said, while standing outside the winner's circle after a Saratoga hurdle handicap Aug. 3. When the 9 flashed above the 3, Graham exhaled, years of frustration released. "About time," he said. "Finally, I won a race here."

Graham had won races at Saratoga, well, he had run winners, all the way back when he worked for Bruce Miller, traveling from the farm with Grenade, a jet black rock who won at Saratoga in 1996, 1997, 1998, 1999 and 2000.

"My man Grenade, he was my main horse," Graham said, as he walked through the clubhouse after Clorevia Farm's Dr. Skip won a nose decision over Top Striker in the \$70,000 handicap.

All these years later, Grenade has company at the top.

Graham, who upset the Arlington Million-G1 with Hardest Core in 2014, produced Dr. Skip for his first win since 2013. In a skid of seven jump defeats, the Maryland-bred son of Eddington had lost his rider twice, finished second by a neck in a Grade 2, third in a novice stakes and flopped in soft ground in May. Graham



Left: *Get Ready Set Goes* sails a fence in her Mrs. Ogden Phipps stakes victory at Saratoga.
Right: *Eventual winner Kensington Court* enjoys a long lead in the Saratoga opener.



regrouped, prepped in a jumper flat race at Parx and aimed for Saratoga.

Willie McCarthy, riding Dr. Skip for the first time, placed the 8-year-old in the middle of the nine-horse field, Graham's instructions playing in his head.

"I told Willie to sit in the middle of the pack," Graham said. "I told him when you hit the backside, if everybody starts going on the backside, be patient, it's a long way."

Andi'amu (Fr) led early while Miguel Grau and Bodie Island tracked in second and third. Top Striker anchored on the rail, pulling but primed. With a circuit to go, Dr. Skip was cruising. Leaving the backside, Top Striker slid through along the wing, Andi'amu battled between horses, Special Skills drafted behind Top Striker and Dr. Skip began to rally as McCarthy switched him three wide.

On the turn, Andi'amu retreated, Special Skills shuffled and Dr. Skip and Top Striker put their last bills on the bar. In a long drive, McCarthy galvanized Dr. Skip, while Bernie Dalton implored Top Striker (another Maryland-bred). They accelerated through the open wings of what used to be the last hurdle (removed this year as part of a safety initiative) and finished together.

"It's very long. I said to Bernie, I don't think I've ever ridden a finish that long in my life," said McCarthy. "He got his head

in front at the right time. Bernie gave his horse a super ride. I knew he was waiting for the last sixteenth and he was going to try me again, and he did. He got his head in front but it helped me. It gave my fella something to get his head in front of again."

Michael Cataneo bred Dr. Skip, and won four races with him before selling to Graham as a hurdle prospect in 2012. Out of the Citidancer mare Mz. Ann, Dr. Skip won his first two jump starts the next season, but has been limited ever since with just two starts in 2014 and one in 2015.

KENSINGTON COURT SPEEDS HOME

Julie Gomena gave jockey Mark Watts specific—very specific—instructions before Saratoga's steeplechase opener, a \$65,000 allowance July 27.

"If you're fighting it out with Unsinkable," the trainer told the jockey before giving him a leg up on Kensington Court. "I'm going to geld you."

Watts followed orders, or was following them, until front-running favorite Unsinkable (Ire) acted up, froze, went through the hedge separating Saratoga's two turf courses and was scratched by the stewards. While fans and other jockeys tried to decipher what might happen next,

Watts sent Kensington Court to an immediate lead and never looked back. The margin was 25 lengths between chart calls, and an official 14¼ at the finish after 3:48.57 for 2¼ miles. Help From Heaven finished second with All for Us third.

Unsinkable came into the race with a reputation for quality and speed—after a front-running debut win in April, a solid third in allowance company in May and a powerhouse flat win at Parx July 20. Bettors responded, making him the favorite in a field of eight. His defection left Kensington Court the lone speed and a big threat.

"I made it very clear that I did not want to be up there with [Unsinkable]," said Gomena. "Once all that happened with him, I was happy and I figured Mark could make the right decision. I didn't expect him to be out there that far, but once he got in front he settled and wasn't going that fast. He won at Fair Hill wire to wire, but he doesn't need to be there. When Unsinkable was gone, why not go?"

Bred in Kentucky by Paul Pompa Jr., 4-year-old Kensington Court started his flat career with Todd Pletcher March 2015—in a maiden race won by future Grade 1 winner World Approval. The son of Giant's Causeway and Pompa's Grade 1 winner Backseat Rhythm broke his maiden for \$75,000 at Belmont that May and was fourth for a \$40,000 claiming price at Saratoga. One start later, he won for \$20,000 at Monmouth and was claimed



by trainer Derek Ryan. Gomena saw the Saratoga race, remembered the horse, and acquired him from Ryan as a hurdle prospect for Oakwood Stable.

"He's a lovely, lovely horse," she said. "He's a natural at this. It was easy to teach him."

Gomena picked up her first Saratoga win by shipping Kensington Court to Aiken, S.C., from her base in Virginia due to firm turf on her farm.

"The ground is too hard, it's terrible in Virginia," she said. "I found a great place, Palmetto Training Center. People were asking me about the shipping and how hard it was going to be. I was sweating that. He came up Friday, to Virginia, then got to Saratoga [Tuesday] morning. I didn't want to ship straight from Aiken to Saratoga. That would have been too much. He handled it all fine."

So did Watts.

PARKER, BOUCHER TEAM UP

Pick your moment: veteran jockey's first win at Saratoga or small-time owner/trainer winning at Saratoga with his late mother's "last hurrah" homebred.

Don't worry, Get Ready Set Goes delivered both when she won the \$75,000 Mrs. Ogden Phipps hurdle stakes for fillies and mares at Saratoga Aug. 11. Owned and trained in Kentucky by Hill Parker, and ridden by 50-year-old Richard Boucher, the 4-year-old filly outjumped and outran six foes to score by 4½ lengths over Secret

Reward with Willow U third. Bred in Ohio, Get Ready Set Goes won for the second time in three jump tries and collected a healthy \$45,000 winner's share.

Somewhere, Frances Hill "Snowie" Myers was smiling. The Maryland horsewoman—a breeder, owner, trainer, pony clubber and Marlborough Hunt Club regular—died in September 2014 but left a big mark on the winning filly and her owner/trainer.

"She was everything—my trainer, my coach, my mentor, fill in the blank and my mother," said Parker while driving the truck and trailer back to Kentucky a day after the win. "This filly is the last homebred Mom had—Mom's last hurrah even though she's not here to enjoy it. Something tells me she was assisting her at the top of the lane."

Get Ready Set Goes might not have needed it as she handled every inch of the 2¼-mile race, and Saratoga's big-city feel, in stride. Despite just two prior jump starts—and only three flat tries at Cincinnati's Belterra Park before that—the jockey was confident.

"The way she won at High Hope and the way she jumps I thought she might be able to handle it," said Boucher. "She's so precise. I've never quite had a filly be so confident in her jumping. I don't do anything. I just see [a takeoff spot] and go with her. If I don't see it, I sit perfectly still. She's good at it."

Boucher, who splits time between Camden, S.C., and Pennsylvania/Delaware with a training operation steered by his wife Lilith, rode his first race in 1992 and has long been active on the flat and over fences. He's won stakes in both disciplines and rode 122 races as recently as 2013 and has topped 150 mounts six times—mostly in the Mid-Atlantic. Through 2,326 mounts and 158 wins, however, he'd never succeeded at Saratoga though he came close with a second in the Grade 1 New York Turf Writers Cup of 1999.

The Phipps win carried plenty of weight.

"It's one of those things," he said. "When people hear what I do, they always say 'Have you ever ridden a winner at Saratoga?' And now I have. Not that I want to retire or anything, but it's very nice. Everyone knows it."

Get Ready Set Goes represents three generations of Myers breeding. In 1993, she bought broodmare Fool's Best at the OBS winter mixed sale for \$15,500. Mated with Northern Baby, known for producing

steeplechasers, Fool's Best produced Best Auntie in 1994 and a full-sister On My Toes in 1995. On My Toes made 15 flat starts for Myers and Parker, winning three, placing in a stakes and collecting \$114,091. Just good enough, she never did run over jumps and joined the small broodmare band. Bred to Lord Avie, On My Toes produced one foal, Ready to Goes, in 2002. Like her dam, she stuck to the flat—winning twice and earning \$77,511 before heading to the breeding shed.

By Run Away and Hide, Get Ready Set Goes is Ready to Goes' second foal and started racing in Ohio-bred company last May at Belterra. She finished second the first time, won the second and then finished third in open company at the Cincinnati track. Then Parker went jumping and—after Thursday—she's won two of three with a second and a Saratoga stakes win. She has earned \$80,360 in six starts.

Myers would be overjoyed.

"She'd have been screaming and jumping up and down and would have invited everyone she could see or find to the winner's circle," said Parker. "I did the best I could to be like Mom, but I just didn't know that many people in Saratoga."

NEWS AND NOTES

The fall season begins with two races—the William Entenmann novice hurdle stakes and the Grade 1 Lonesome Glory open hurdle stakes—at Belmont Park Sept. 22. Two days later, the first race meet goes to the post with the 16th annual Races at Shawan Downs in Hunt Valley, Md. The season runs through the Colonial Cup in Camden, S.C., Nov. 19. . . The inaugural Tryon International meet in Mill Spring, N.C., is set for Oct. 2 and includes \$150,000 in purses at the new Tryon International Equestrian Center, home to major competitions in eventing, showing, dressage and more. . . Headed by the \$350,000 Grand National, the Far Hills Races in New Jersey will be worth \$700,000 Oct. 15. New Jersey legislators unanimously approved pari-mutuel wagering for the race meet, which benefits the Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital in Somerset, pending Gov. Chris Christie's signature. . . The International Gold Cup Races set for Oct. 22 will be worth \$410,000 with a mixed card of hurdle, timber and flat races. . . The season-ending Colonial Cup (Nov. 19) offers \$260,000 in total purses headed by the Grade 1 Colonial Cup which received a \$50,000 purse increase to \$150,000. ■

Race for redemption

Maryland jockey Lynch lands on his feet, rebuilds career after issues in England

The crowds are smaller and the tracks aren't as familiar. There are no races uphill or downhill, and the horses only turn left-handed. This isn't exactly the milieu Feargal Lynch envisioned for himself at age 38. But after more than a

decade of turmoil, he has found that the grass is actually greener here.

Maryland has become the Irish-born jockey's home. In moving his tack here in the spring, Lynch decided to forego what had seemed like an inevitable return trip to

Europe—the site of his greatest accomplishments and his most devastating mistakes.

With just a few days remaining on the Pimlico racing calendar for 2016, Lynch—riding his first full meet at Old Hilltop—found himself locked in battle with perennial circuit riding leaders Trevor McCarthy, Victor Carrasco and Jevian Toledo.

"I'm just grateful to be in the position I'm in," Lynch said. "I'm delighted with the way things have gone."

Even if the journey that brought him to Maryland wasn't exactly a smooth one.

When it all started for Lynch—more than 20 years ago and nearly 4,000 miles away—Lynch was in jocks' rooms with riders named Dettori, Fallon and Kinane. He was riding with the best in Europe, and winning.

In those early days, it all seemed to come so easily. Lynch was a champion apprentice, riding all over England and Ireland. In 1996, as thousands of fans lined the infield and grandstand at York Racecourse in England, Lynch won the prestigious Ebor Handicap. He was just 18 years old.

The next few years would be filled with more highlights for Lynch. He became a regular rider for the legendary Sir Michael Stoute. It was Stoute's horse Clerkenwell aboard whom Lynch had won the Ebor.

Lynch remembers being in awe of the champions that filled Stoute's yard, including Russian Rhythm, Breeders' Cup Turf-G1 winner Pilsudski (Ire), and \$5,952,825 earner Singspiel (Ire). Occasionally, Lynch was given a shot to ride some of Stoute's bigger prospects, like eventual 2000 Guineas-G1 winner Golan (Ire) and Epsom Derby-G1 winner Kris Kin.

"It was an amazing time," Lynch said, "probably the best time in my career."

Always watching close by was his brother, Cal. The two were the youngest of four children from a tight family in the Northern Irish city of Derry. Before moving to the United States, where he'd become a graded stakes-winning trainer and a force on the Mid-Atlantic circuit, Cal got to witness his brother's ascent to superstardom.

"When you're an apprentice and winning graded stakes at York?" Cal asked in rhetorical astonishment. "His ability has never been in question."

But Lynch's judgment did come into question when in 2004 he was accused of race fixing in England. Though he was later acquitted in a London criminal court,



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Lynch would eventually confess to a role in the scandal, admitted to sharing inside information on his mounts, and to intentionally stopping a heavy favorite he was riding from winning a race.

For his transgressions, Lynch was banned from riding in England and had his license revoked by the British Horseracing Authority (BHA). The biggest blow came to Lynch's image, which he would spend the next decade working to repair.

Unable to ride back home, Lynch joined his brother in the U.S. in 2008 and began riding at Philadelphia Park. Less than a year into his time there, Lynch became the track's leading rider, winning 99 races from 625 mounts and earning \$2,440,913.

Midway through the 2009 season, and at the height of Lynch's resurgence, he was banned from riding in Pennsylvania. The move came on the heels of a deal between Lynch and the BHA that resulted in a £50,000 (approximately \$65,000) fine and an agreement not to ride in Britain for at least another year.

In the months and years that followed, Lynch raced in Spain, France, Germany, Dubai and even India. In 2014, nearly 10 years after the race in which Lynch admitted to stopping his horse, the BHA reinstated the jockey's license and he was granted permission to ride in England.

"I was a boy then. I am a man now," Lynch said. "I learned to be a lot more astute and to be a lot more aware of who your real friends are and not to put yourself in a bad position."

In a public service video produced by the BHA last year, Lynch spoke candidly about his mistakes, expressed remorse and discouraged others from doing what he did.

"Looking back, it's cost me everything. I've lost 10 years of my riding career that I'll never get back," Lynch said in the video. "I'll never be able to wipe the slate clean and everybody will forget about it. It's going to stay with me now for the rest of my life."

Lynch had long since abandoned any thought of hiding from his past and, in the eyes of his older brother Cal, Feargal had paid in full for the decisions he'd made.

"He doesn't hide from anything. He's very forthright. It is what it is. It happened," Cal said. "He made a mistake. I don't know anyone who isn't willing to give someone a second chance. . . The guys who have given him a second chance have reaped the benefits."

One such person who was more than willing to give Lynch a chance was trainer Kieron Magee. Also a native of Ireland, Magee was already friends with Cal. Even after Feargal struggled at Gulfstream Park—he won just four races from 114 starts—Magee agreed to give the jockey a chance to ride some of his horses if he moved his tack to Maryland.

Magee also recommended that Lynch link up with agent Scott Silver to better position himself for a move to Maryland. Once Silver agreed to take Lynch's book, the jockey's plans to return to Europe were put on hold. The decision worked out well for all involved, including Magee, who utilized Lynch to capture his second training title at Pimlico.

"He has won a bunch of races for me," Magee said. "He's very good. He's patient and he can come back and tell you something. He knows what he's sitting on and he'll come back, and whether you like it or not, he'll give you his opinion. I love that."

"He hasn't got a lot of big barns behind him and to be in the run for leading rider with as few mounts as he's had, in his first full meet here, is incredible."

By meet's end, Lynch racked up 25 wins and \$617,445 in earnings.

Leading his Pimlico highlight reel was a win aboard Eyeplayeveryday in the \$75,000 Find Stakes June 25 for M and D Stable and trainer Bill Komlo. During the course of the 28-day stand, Lynch won races for more than a dozen trainers, including his brother.

"I'm absolutely delighted that he's taken off as quickly as he did," Cal said. "Once he won a few races and others saw that he could ride, some other guys followed and he's had some very good opportunities. So, we're delighted for him. He was back and forth about going back to England, and when he did so well, he decided to stay. It's nice to have family around."

And Lynch sounds like a man who is prepared to stick around for a while. His wife Pamela has made the move with him and they've since been joined in Maryland by the family dogs. Coming off of a breakthrough Pimlico meet, Lynch was eager to keep his momentum going during Laurel's summer meet.

"The turf track at Laurel is second-to-none," he said. "I see myself staying in America, based in Maryland, and riding here for the foreseeable future. I've got everything where I want it and I'm happy in Maryland."

Lynch indicated that he had opportunities to move back to England but, in addition to the success he's enjoyed in Maryland, he decided to stay in the Mid-Atlantic because of the strenuous nature of travel for jockeys in Europe. He had grown tired of spending dozens of hours a week in a car, traveling hundreds of miles on a daily basis, from tracks in England to Scotland to Wales.

The convenience of being based at one track for an extended period of time during a meet in Maryland, for example, is just one of those little things that an older and wiser Lynch has come to appreciate. He also won't complain about the simpler configurations of American turf courses, the absence of uphill or downhill race, or right-hand turn races for that matter.

"It been an easy adjustment. Having the experience of being all over Europe and all over the world riding at different places, it definitely makes you a better jockey; you see more things, you learn more things," he said.

For Lynch, however, the reality is that the lights don't burn quite as bright as they once did. He hasn't forgotten about York in 1996, all of those champions he once rode and the big crowds that were always there. The desire to be in the big race, on the big horse, persists.

If there was any question as to whether Lynch still had it in him, he answered with his first North American Grade 1 score aboard Mondialiste (Ire) in last year's Woodbine Mile Stakes. He hopes to again ride the 6-year-old son of Galileo in this year's Woodbine Mile in September for trainer David O'Meara.

"The reason I rode Mondialiste was because of my experience in America before," Lynch said. "There's opportunities with European horses coming back here in the [summer] and I like to think that the trainers I've ridden for and the people that know me back home would give me the leg up. It's a good advantage that they don't have to send a jockey over to different tracks. It's a different style of riding in America. So, I could be used as a go-to man in America."

In short order, Lynch has already proven himself a reliable rider in Maryland. He has rewarded the people who have given him a chance to make his case, and he's validated those who have stuck by him all along. And if the past has taught Lynch anything at all, it's that no one will have a greater say on where this trail of redemption leads than he, himself. ✨

Emperor Tiberius newest Pennsylvania stakes sire



Descending from a family of stakes sires, Pennsylvania stallion Emperor Tiberius added his name to the list after his 3-year-old son Saratoga Jack captured Parx Racing's \$100,000 Crowd Pleaser Stakes July 23 by 5 $\frac{3}{4}$ lengths.

Making his turf debut in his seventh career start, Saratoga Jack was the 3.20-1 third-choice of the seven Pennsylvania-breds. He broke sharply and

went right to the lead, opening up after the first half-mile. No one challenged as he drove home, stopping the clock in 1:44.47 for the 1 $\frac{1}{16}$ miles.

Trained by Miguel Vera for owner Jean Mahoney, Saratoga Jack was bred by Kate Goldenberg and Helen Boynton. He is out of Thinkoutsidethebox, a daughter of Williamstown. From eight starts, Saratoga Jack has three wins, a second and a third, for earnings of \$154,830.

Emperor Tiberius, a superbly bred son of Storm Cat out of a half-sister to leading sire Broad Brush, has a total of 14 foals in his first four crops. From four starters, he is also the sire of Empress Caro, a winner of \$103,076.

Emperor Tiberius entered stud for Goldenberg and Ivy Garfinkel at Safe Haven Equine in Perkasio, Pa., in 2010. The 12-year-old stallion was sold to Rich Miller prior to the 2015 breeding season and now stands at Miller's Mountain Springs Farm in Shartlesville for \$1,500 live foal.

"I needed a stallion and was looking for several months, but I kept going back to him," said Miller. "His foals are incredible—I'm looking for big things with him."

Emperor Tiberius is out of the winning Easy Goer mare Retrospective and a half-brother to Mull of Kintyre, a group-winning son of Danzig who has sired Irish 2000

Guineas-G1 winner Araafa (Ire). Retrospective is also the dam of graded stakes-placed Retroactive.

Stakes winner Hay Patcher (by Hoist the Flag), Emperor Tiberius' second dam, produced eight winners from nine foals to race. Her son, \$2,656,793-earner and four-time Grade 1 winner Broad Brush, was North America's leading sire in 1994. Another son, Hay Halo, was a multiple stakes winner and stakes sire in the Mid-Atlantic region.

Four other Hay Patcher daughters are stakes producers, among their offspring Japanese millionaire Tokai Wild, \$466,929-earner Up an Eighth, multiple stakes winner Higher Strata and stakes winner and stakes producer Not Likely.

The sire family includes champion Capote, Exceller, Vaguely Hidden, Bob and John, American Standard, Williams-town and Baldski.

A freshman first for Virginia sire Friend Or Foe

The 2-year-old filly Code Red, a chestnut daughter of multiple stakes winner Friend Or Foe, broke her maiden first time out at Belmont Park July 8. Bred and campaigned by Chester and Mary Broman, Code Red is the first winner from four foals in the first crop of her sire. Friend Or Foe stands at Phyllis Jones' Smallwood Farm in Crozet, Va.

Trained by Mike Hushion, Code Red was overlooked in the field of nine New York-breds at 17-1. Breaking from an inside post, the filly ran mid-pack until being urged heading into the stretch. Making a five-wide move, she took com-

mand in the final sixteenth of the 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ -furlong maiden special weight and drew off to win by 2 $\frac{1}{4}$ lengths.

The filly is the first foal out of five-time stakes winner Dash Dot Dash, by Put It Back. Broman has supported Friend Or Foe, his homebred New York-bred champion 3-year-old male of 2010, since the horse entered stud in 2013.

A son of Friends Lake, Friend Or Foe raced three seasons, won five of 10 starts, three stakes, finished second in another, and earned \$349,134. He won from 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ furlongs to 1 $\frac{1}{8}$ miles and counted among his victories a front-running

5-length score in the \$200,000 Empire Classic Stakes over Icabad Crane, and the Easy Goer Stakes while defeating millionaire Rail Trip.

The blaze-faced chestnut was twice fourth in graded company—missing third by a nose in the Grade 1 Whitney, and finishing 3 lengths back in the Jim Dandy Stakes-G2.

Out of the stakes-placed Unbridled mare Unbridled Star, Friend Or Foe is a half-brother to stakes-winning \$277,800-earner Star Grazing and stakes-placed \$210,544-earner Stolen Star, as well as to \$199,449-earner Dixieland Star.

His second dam, graded stakes-placed Crystal Vous, also produced stakes-winning Silver Haze, an earner of \$315,200, and stakes winner Silence Dogood, and is the granddam of graded winner and Grade 1-placed Rodman.

Third dam Taisez Vous won nine stakes, including the Grade 1 La Canada and Santa Margarita Invitational Handicap. Also found in the family is Argentine champion stayer Snappy John.

Friend Or Foe, 9, also covers Warmblood mares and is a hunter/jumper sire.

He stood the 2016 season for \$500.

Law Legacy Stables stallions Il Postino and March to Victory get first winners

Joel Weiner's Law Legacy Stables has launched the careers of its stallions Il Postino and March to Victory as both got their first winners in July with runners bred by Law Legacy.

Postino's Idol, a 3-year-old daughter of Il Postino, battled from the start of a 1 $\frac{1}{16}$ -mile turf race at Monmouth Park July 4 and held on to win by a nose. One of two foals from Il Postino's first crop, the filly is out of the stakes-placed Northern Idol mare Fashion Idol. Skip Einhorn trains the gray/roan filly for her breeder.

Victory's Dreamer, one of three foals from the first crop of March to Victory, recorded her maiden win at Charles Town July 30. Trainer Ronney Brown sent out the Law Legacy filly, the even-money choice in the field of 10. Victory's Dreamer ran wide early and dropped to the rail late to record the gutsy score over a sloppy track. The bay filly is out of \$144,904-earner Chippewa Dreamer, a daughter of Gerosa.

Both stallions campaigned for Law Legacy before retiring to stud in New Jersey, first standing at Birch Creek Farm in Cream Ridge before moving to Colonial Farms in Colts Neck for the 2015 season.

Il Postino, a 10-year-old gray or roan son of leading sire Distorted Humor out of multiple Grade 1-placed Awful Smart, by Black Tie Affair (Ire), earned \$132,924 over four seasons. His most successful campaign came at 3, when he was first or second in five of his 10 starts, breaking his maiden at 1 mile at Gulfstream Park by 11 $\frac{3}{4}$ lengths and winning back-to-back starts at Meadowlands that fall, including a 1 $\frac{1}{16}$ -mile starter

handicap by a frontrunning 4 lengths. He also took a 1-mile turf allowance at Monmouth Park the following spring.

Il Postino is a half-brother to Awfully Smart, winner of the Leonard Richards Stakes-G3 and Stymie Stakes, with earnings of \$494,305, and \$404,108-earner Tastefully Smart, who set a 1 $\frac{1}{16}$ -mile course record of 1:39.82 at Monmouth Park in 2009.

March to Victory, now 12, is a multiple stakes-placed son of longtime successful sire Dixieland Band. Over six seasons he recorded five wins

from 23 starts, and was second or third in seven others while earning \$199,993. He won his first start at 2, a Belmont Park maiden special weight at a mile on the turf, and at 4 stretched out to win at 1 $\frac{1}{4}$ miles in allowance company over the Belmont turf course.

In back-to-back starts during his 6-year-old season, March to Victory finished third in the Golden Bear Stakes at Indiana Downs and third in Colonial Downs' Kitten's Joy.

March to Victory is out of Frayne, a full-sister to graded stakes winner Wandering Star,

the dam of Group 1-winning 2-year-old War Command and group winner Naval Officer.

Frayne is closely related to top sire Silver Hawk, a son of Roberto. By Red Ransom (by Roberto), Frayne is out of Silver Hawk's half-sister, Beautiful Bedouin. Silver Hawk, a group winner who placed in the Irish Sweeps Derby-G1 and Epsom Derby-G1, sired 71 stakes winners, including such champions as Benny the Dip, Grass Wonder and Mutafaweq.

Both Law Legacy stallions stood the 2016 season for \$1,000.



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STALLION RANKINGS

Mid-Atlantic region leading sires in 2016

Top 65 stallions who currently stand or concluded their careers in Maryland, New Jersey, North Carolina, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, Virginia and West Virginia.

These statistics were supplied by The Jockey Club Information Systems Inc. (TJCIS). Exact date is at the discretion of TJCIS. †Denotes freshman sire.

The following statistics, compiled on August 2, reflect 2016 earnings for all countries in the Northern and Southern Hemisphere reported to TJCIS.

	Foals	Runners	Starts	Winners	Races Won	Leading Earner	Earnings	%Wnrs./Runners	Avg./Runner	Stakes Winners
1. Jump Start (Pa)	1,175	210	733	75	95	Disco Chick (\$225,500)	\$3,061,609	36	\$14,579	5
2. Rockport Harbor (deceased)	469	134	631	66	97	Majestic Harbor (\$391,060)	2,497,224	49	18,636	3
3. Not For Love (deceased)	953	87	381	37	55	Lovable Lady (\$93,899)	1,436,846	43	16,515	1
4. Silver Train (deceased)	495	105	508	47	66	Meanbone (\$72,225)	1,409,473	45	13,424	0
5. Limehouse (WV)	387	87	422	44	66	Tequila and Salt (\$92,131)	1,398,659	51	16,077	2
6. Fairbanks (Pa)	211	90	417	26	41	Cosmic Destiny (\$109,020)	1,231,560	29	13,684	0
7. Lord Shanakill (Pa)	124	56	256	19	31	My Dream Boat (\$679,879)	1,181,273	34	21,094	1
8. Great Notion (Md)	240	49	208	27	36	Just Jack (\$94,698)	1,026,193	55	20,943	2
9. Lion Hearted (deceased)	606	73	360	26	36	Bioterp (\$84,249)	1,005,309	36	13,771	0
10. Friesan Fire (Md)	95	51	225	22	25	Tisdale (\$107,025)	1,002,347	43	19,654	1
11. Corinthian (Pa)	478	115	568	41	58	Pancake (\$54,167)	898,627	36	7,814	1
12. Orientate (Md)	781	77	332	29	56	Woodland Walk (\$69,901)	844,363	38	10,966	2
13. Brother Derek (WV)	130	57	316	24	35	Copingaway (\$116,965)	809,999	42	14,211	2
14. Weigelia (Pa)	74	32	161	13	24	No More Strippers (\$103,871)	809,528	41	25,298	1
15. Windsor Castle (WV)	295	73	372	31	47	Prince of Windsor (\$40,491)	763,559	42	10,460	0
16. Charitable Man (deceased)	115	54	239	25	41	Charitable Annuity (\$76,610)	714,169	46	13,225	1
17. Petionville (Md)	711	58	258	17	23	Graves Island (\$75,020)	607,804	29	10,479	0
18. Talent Search (Pa)	105	45	174	15	20	Rolin With Olin (\$95,905)	591,696	33	13,149	1
19. Bop (deceased)	192	50	230	26	38	Summer Frock (\$52,270)	587,451	52	11,749	0
20. Swiss Yodeler (WV)	758	43	221	23	39	Swissarella (\$92,502)	577,227	53	13,424	1
21. Louis Quatorze (Md)	976	48	236	19	22	Dothat Dance (\$63,764)	540,596	40	11,262	0
22. Street Magician (Md)	80	37	147	13	16	Do What I Say (\$63,000)	505,748	35	13,669	0
23. Outflanker (Md)	531	35	146	16	22	Pinkout (\$54,520)	499,438	46	14,270	0
24. Medallist (Pa)	193	37	167	9	14	Love Came to Town (\$79,300)	459,254	24	12,412	1
25. Scipion (Md)	123	35	202	14	23	Grandiflora (\$56,730)	454,468	40	12,985	0
26. Rock Slide (Md)	275	29	153	10	16	My Son Ernie (\$55,176)	436,199	34	15,041	0
27. Rimrod (Pa)	101	23	122	13	18	Lemon Strudel (\$58,980)	428,356	57	18,624	0
28. Fiber Sonde (WV)	119	30	106	13	23	Bullets Fever (\$73,944)	420,602	43	14,020	1
29. Hey Chub (NJ)	28	16	72	8	10	Chublicious (\$96,534)	362,760	50	22,673	1
30. Denis of Cork (WV)	88	36	158	13	23	Return to Denis (\$45,470)	346,524	36	9,626	0
31. Don Six (NJ)	78	15	80	9	11	Don's Marsh (\$82,418)	344,036	60	22,936	0
32. Andiron (Pa)	37	17	66	5	7	Roxbury N Overton (\$182,080)	308,543	29	18,150	1
33. Love of Money (deceased)	124	36	127	9	12	Love Is All (\$62,480)	298,471	25	8,291	0
34. Albert the Great (Pa)	379	32	151	11	12	She's Chubs (\$42,780)	298,022	34	9,313	0
35. Wiseman's Ferry (deceased)	290	25	140	9	20	Tough Weather (\$90,420)	288,544	36	11,542	0
36. City Sharpster (Pa)	59	21	129	8	11	Diadema (\$66,632)	277,068	38	13,194	0
37. Bullsbay (Pa)	46	24	101	6	7	Edisto Bay (\$80,069)	276,232	25	11,510	0
38. Defrere (pensioned)	589	30	118	9	11	Maybe Tonight (\$58,008)	261,529	30	8,718	0
39. Peak Dancer (deceased)	90	26	134	13	16	Colombian Secret (\$25,854)	259,719	50	9,989	0
40. Partner's Hero (Pa)	451	21	109	5	5	Two Notch Road (\$59,670)	251,252	24	11,964	1
41. Two Punch (deceased)	1,104	19	112	9	12	Timmy T (\$52,660)	239,062	47	12,582	0
42. Luftikus (WV)	284	31	129	11	13	Blisstikus (\$47,956)	231,647	35	7,472	0
43. Rebellion (GB) (Va)	42	27	109	8	9	Blurrricane (\$52,737)	224,994	30	8,333	0
44. Cherokee's Boy (Md)	98	23	104	8	12	Cherokee Colours (\$39,988)	219,119	35	9,527	0
45. Got the Last Laugh (Pa)	43	9	53	6	11	Dixie's Last Laugh (\$67,932)	219,118	67	24,346	0
46. Lite the Fuse (pensioned)	548	18	72	4	6	The Fazz Man (\$45,120)	190,270	22	10,571	0
47. Showing Up (pensioned)	118	24	100	10	11	Inperson (\$27,681)	177,215	42	7,384	0
48. Real Quiet (deceased)	625	15	63	6	8	Midnight Tryst (\$68,853)	168,492	40	11,233	0
49. Aisle (Pa)	85	12	64	8	11	Kohl (\$45,298)	166,254	67	13,855	0
50. Emperor Tiberius (Pa)	12	3	17	1	3	Saratoga Jack (\$154,830)	163,394	33	54,465	1
51. Cable Boy (NJ)	17	5	24	2	5	She's Hot Wired (\$141,910)	161,656	40	32,331	1
52. More Smoke (Pa)	53	6	27	4	4	Raging Smoke (\$111,550)	159,415	67	26,569	1
53. Xchanger (pensioned)	54	13	76	6	8	World Changer (\$47,325)	145,247	46	11,173	0
54. Officer Rocket (GB) (WV)	20	9	49	3	7	A. P. Rocket (\$50,760)	135,726	33	15,081	0
55. Park Avenue Ball (deceased)	34	7	45	4	6	Park Avenue Appeal (\$42,080)	135,720	57	19,389	0
56. Real Estate (WV)	39	16	62	6	9	March Wind (\$54,780)	130,022	38	8,126	0
57. Prospect Bay (pensioned)	286	10	32	6	8	Gentlemen Dale (\$29,820)	125,670	60	12,567	0
58. Forest Grove (deceased)	111	17	79	9	12	Ravin About Richie (\$26,724)	121,438	53	7,143	0
59. During (WV)	195	19	51	5	6	Lucy N Ethel (\$61,380)	118,898	26	6,258	1
60. Grand Reserve (WV)	47	15	69	5	8	Colton's Grand (\$33,610)	118,823	33	7,922	0
61. Straight Talking (SC)	10	5	31	4	4	Gin Makes Ya Sin (\$48,669)	115,993	80	23,199	0
62. Formal Dinner (deceased)	639	15	77	9	14	Formal Class (\$35,340)	114,040	60	7,603	1
63. Sir Shackleton (Pa)	98	14	79	6	9	Ameritude (\$35,400)	112,475	43	8,034	1
64. Misbah (pensioned)	29	9	42	4	4	Yasamin (\$42,500)	109,395	44	12,155	0
65. Go for Gin (pensioned)	401	8	46	2	2	Here's to Mike (\$43,200)	105,253	25	13,157	0

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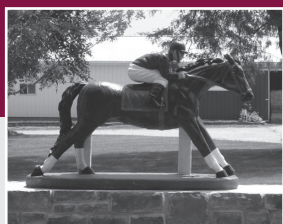
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Maryland-bred

GIANT RUN

Manila Stakes

\$100,000-guaranteed, 1 mi., turf, 3-year-olds. Belmont Park, July 4.

	Storm Cat	Storm Bird	Northern Dancer			
		Terlingua	South Ocean			
	Giant's Causeway		Secretariat			
		Rahy	Crimson Saint			
	Mariah's Storm		Blushing Groom (Fr)			
		Immense	Glorious Song			
Giant Run, ch.c., 2013			Roberto			
			Imso-dear			
	Polish Numbers	Danzig	Northern Dancer			
		Numbered Account	Pas de Nom			
Who Did It and Run			Buckpasser			
			Intriguing			
	I'm Harriet	Diesis (GB)	Sharpen Up (GB)			
		I'm Well Bred	Doubly Sure (GB)			
			Cormorant			
			Is Certain			
	starts	1st	2nd	3rd	earnings	
15	4	0	1	0	\$ 20,140	
16 (sw)	6	3 (2)	2 (2)	1 (1)	227,420	
	10	3 (2)	3 (2)	1 (1)	\$247,560	(through July 4)

2016: 1st \$75,000 **Cutler Bay S**, 1 mi., turf, 3-year-olds, Gulfstream, March 26; \$100,000 **Manila S**, 1 mi., turf, 3-year-olds, Belmont, July 4; 2nd **Palm Beach S-G3**, **English Channel S**; 3rd **Penn Mile S-G3**.

Bred by Sycamore Hall Thoroughbreds LLC (Md.); owned by Robert C. Baker and William L. Mack; trained by Thomas Albertrani.

Sire: **GIANT'S CAUSEWAY**, ch., 97, stands at Ashford Stud, Versailles, Ky.

Dam: **WHO DID IT AND RUN**, ch., 95, bred by Bruce R. Grossman and Thomas J. Moran (N.J.). Raced 3 years, 26 starts, 9 wins, 2 to 4, \$325,756, Jersey Derby-G2, Reeve Schley Jr. S-G3, Queen Lib H, Garden State S, 2nd Boiling Springs Breeders' Cup H-G3, Wistful H.

01 Who's First, ch.g. by Pulpit. Raced 6 years, 57 starts, 7 wins, 3 to 7, \$98,365.

02 **Who's Cozy**, b.f. by Cozzene. Raced 3 years, 8 starts, 2 wins at 3, \$84,492, 2nd Little Silver S, 3rd Lake George S-G3, Tenski S. Dam of **WHO'S IN TOWN** (4 wins, \$211,022, Safely Kept S, 2nd Miss Woodford S, 3rd Smart Halo S), **Campaign Vows** (2 wins, \$47,340, 3rd Squan Song S).

03 Eversden, b.c. by Red Ransom. In England and France, raced 3 years, 14 starts, 1 win at 2, \$13,006. (Kee Sept 04—\$55,000)

05 Stuttgart, b.f. by Cherokee Run. Raced 2 years, 8 starts, 1 win at 3, \$45,340. (Kee Sept 06—\$110,000; OBS Oct 11—\$7,500) Producer.

06 **AMERICAN VICTORY**, ch.f. by Victory Gallop. Raced 2 years, 7 starts, 3 wins at 3 and 4, \$68,720, Shine Again S. Dam of **Charmed Victory** (2 wins, \$78,012 to 3, 2016, 2nd Miracle Wood S).

08 Foal died.

09 Wally Did It, b.c. by Tale of the Cat. Raced 4 years, 20 starts, 2 wins at 4 and 5, \$100,904. (Kee Sept 10—\$160,000)

10 Apple Cider, ch.f. by More Than Ready. Raced 2 years, 3 starts at 2 and 3, 0 wins, \$18,467. (Kee Sept 11—\$360,000; Kee Nov 14—\$100,000)

11 The Careless Cat, ch.f. by Tale of the Cat. Raced 2 years, 9 starts, 1 win at 3, \$39,220.

13 **GIANT RUN**, ch.c. by Giant's Causeway. (Kee Sept 14—\$200,000)

14 Worthy of Love, ch.f. by Not For Love.

15 ch.c. by Giant's Causeway.

New Jersey-bred

GREEN GRATTO

Hockessin Stakes

\$50,000-guaranteed, 6 fur., 3 & up. Delaware Park, July 16.

	Dehere	Deputy Minister	Vice Regent			
		Sister Dot	Mint Copy			
Here's Zealous			Secretariat			
		Unreal Zeal	Sword Game			
Zealous Connection			Mr. Prospector			
	Inca Connection		Quick Nurse			
Green Gratto, dk.b./br.h., 2010			High Counsel			
			Ramillete			
	Never Tabled		Never Bend			
Smokester			Table Flirt			
	Small World		Transworld			
Starship Smokester			Swoon Bread			
	*Golden Eagle II		Right Royal			
Admiral Minnie			Aquila II			
	Amiga La G.		Delaware Chief			
			Windy P. J.			
	starts	1st	2nd	3rd	earnings	
12	unraced					
13	6	0	1	0	\$ 13,509	
14	15	3	1	2 (1)	141,455	
15 (sw)	16	3 (2)	4 (1)	4 (1)	480,550	
16 (sw)	8	1 (1)	1 (1)	2 (2)	97,524	
	45	7 (3)	7 (2)	8 (4)	\$733,038	(through July 16)

2014: 3rd **Diablo S**. **2015:** 1st \$250,000 **Fall Highweight H-G3**, 6 fur., 3 & up, Aqueduct, Nov. 26; \$100,000 **Gravesend S**, 6 fur., 3 & up, Aqueduct, Dec. 26; 2nd **Carter H-G1**; 3rd **Tom Fool H-G3**. **2016:** 1st \$50,000 **Hockessin S**, 6 fur., 3 & up, Delaware, July 16; 2nd **John J. Reilly H**; 3rd **Toboggan S-G3**, **Diablo S**.

Bred by Kaz Hill Farm (N.J.); owned by Gaston Grant and Anthony Grant; trained by Gaston Grant.

Sire: **HERE'S ZEALOUS**, ch., 97, stands at Kaz Hill Farm, Middletown, N.Y.

Dam: **STARSHIP SMOKESTER**, dk.b./br., 00, bred by Fred N. Sahadi (Calif.). Raced 3 years, 20 starts, 3 wins at 3, \$72,790. (Bar March 02—\$27,000)

06 Extended Vacation, dk.b./br.g. by Harlan's Holiday. Raced 2 years, 7 starts at 3 and 4, 0 wins, \$15,653. (FTK Oct 07—\$16,000)

07 Flying Zealous, ch.g. by Here's Zealous. Raced 6 years, 30 starts, 11 wins, 4 to 9, \$241,584.

08 Starship Boy, dk.b./br.g. by North Light (Ire). Raced 2 years, 3 starts at 4 and 5, 0 wins, \$660. (FTN Aug 09—\$5,000)

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 10 **GREEN GRATTO**, dk.b./br.c. by Here's Zealous.
 11 Atmosphere, ch.g. by Here's Zealous. Raced 2 years, 15 starts, 2 wins at 4 and 5, \$28,220.
 12 Zealous Flys Again, ch.c. by Here's Zealous. Raced 1 year, 2 starts at 3, 0 wins, \$5,598.
 14 Smokester's Heist, dk.b./br.f. by Bank Heist. Unraced.

RAINBOW HEIR

Wolf Hill Stakes

\$60,000-guaranteed (plus \$13,680 New Jersey-bred enhancement), 5½ fur., 3 & up. Monmouth Park, July 10.

	Forest Wildcat	Storm Cat	Storm Bird
		Victoria Beauty	Bold Native
Wildcat Heir		Pentelicus	Abifaith
	Penniless Heiress	Royal Ties	Fappiano
Rainbow Heir , ch.h., 2010			Charedi
			Distinctive
			*New Love
	Prospectors Gamble	Crafty Prospector	Mr. Prospector
		Fannie C.	Real Crafty Lady
Rainbow Pride			Sunny South
			Garden Fresh
	Our Lady Tingle	Pursuit	Never Bend
		Tingle	Fairway Fun
			Spy Song
			Stone Cold

	starts	1st	2nd	3rd	earnings
unraced					
12					
13 (sw)	7	4 (1)	0	1 (1)	\$173,460
14 (sw)	5	3 (2)	0	0	147,750
15	7	1	2 (1)	0	67,500
16 (sw)	1	1 (1)	0	0	47,880
	20	9 (4)	2 (1)	1 (1)	\$436,590 (through July 10)

2013: 1st \$115,000 **Jersey Shore S-G3** (includes \$15,000 N.J.-bred enhancement), 6 fur., 3-year-olds, Monmouth, July 4; 3rd **Dave's Friend S.** **2014:** 1st \$130,000 **Teddy Drone S** (includes \$15,000 N.J.-bred enhancement), 6 fur., 3 & up, Monmouth, July 27; \$60,000 **New Jersey Breeders H**, 6 fur., registered N.J.-breds, 3 & up, Monmouth, Sept. 6. **2015:** 2nd **New Jersey Breeders H.** **2016:** 1st \$60,000 **Wolf Hill S** (plus \$13,680 N.J.-bred enhancement), 5½ fur., 3 & up, Monmouth, July 10.

Bred and owned by New Farm (N.J.); trained by Jason Servis.

Sire: **WILDCAT HEIR**, b., 00 (deceased).

Dam: **Rainbow Pride**, ch., 97, bred by Harvey Liebeskind M.D. and Donald Dreyfuss (Fla.). Raced 4 years, 14 starts, 2 wins at 2, \$75,175, 2nd Ruthless S. (Kee Nov 97—\$12,000; FTM Oct 98—\$57,000; FTM Dec 04—\$25,000 in foal to Evening Kris)

03 A Lot of Pride, b.f. by Appealing Skier. Unraced.

04 Colorful Delight, ch.f. by Deffere. Raced 1 year, 3 starts, 3 wins at 3, \$85,500. (FTM Dec 04—\$25,500) Producer.

05 Nite Rainbow, b.f. by Evening Kris. Raced 3 years, 20 starts, 3 wins, 3 to 5, \$84,530.

06 b.f. by Appealing Skier.

07 Wild Rainbow, b.f. by Wildcat Heir. Raced 5 years, 32 starts, 7 wins, 2 to 5, \$285,580.

08 Wild Rain Cat, b.f. by Forest Wildcat. Raced 2 years, 8 starts, 3 wins at 2 and 3, \$41,000.

09 Barren.

10 **RAINBOW HEIR**, ch.c. by Wildcat Heir.

11 Proud to Be Wild, b.f. by Wildcat Heir. Raced 2 years, 11 starts, 2 wins at 3, \$74,770.

12-13 Barren.

14 Follow the Rainbow, ch.c. by Henny Hughes. Raced 1 year, 2 starts, 1 win at 2, \$40,080.

15 Barren.

Pennsylvania-bred

BOUND

Northern Fling Stakes

\$100,000-guaranteed, 1 mi., registered Pennsylvania-bred fillies and mares, 3 & up. Presque Isle Downs, July 10.

	A.P. Indy	Seattle Slew	Bold Reasoning
		Weekend Surprise	My Charmer
Jump Start			Secretariat
		Storm Cat	Lassie Dear
Steady Cat			Storm Bird
		Hopespringsforever	Terlingua
Bound , b.m., 2011			Mr. Prospector
			Hopespringseternal
		Relaunch	In Reality
	Skywalker		Foggy Note
		Bold Captive	Boldnesian
China Sky			Captive Audience
		Bolger	Damascus
	Bolchina		Dancealot
		Tibouchina	Nodouble
			Richalya

	starts	1st	2nd	3rd	earnings
13	4	1	0	1	\$ 27,270
14 (sw)	8	3 (1)	3 (1)	0	142,044
15 (sw)	7	3 (1)	1 (1)	2 (2)	170,060
16 (sw)	2	1 (1)	0	0	76,800
	21	8 (3)	4 (2)	3 (2)	\$416,174 (through July 10)

2014: 1st \$75,000 **Plum Pretty S**, 1¼ mi., registered Pa.-bred fillies and mares, 3 & up, Parx, Oct. 11; 2nd **Malvern Rose S.** **2015:** 1st \$100,000 **Plum Pretty S**, 1¼ mi., registered Pa.-bred fillies and mares, 3 & up, Parx, Oct. 10; 2nd **Thirty Eight Go Go S**; 3rd **Northern Fling S**, **Lyphard S.** **2016:** 1st \$100,000 **Northern Fling S**, 1 mi., registered Pa.-bred fillies and mares, 3 & up, Presque Isle, July 10.

Bred and owned by Barlar LLC (Pa.); trained by T. Bernard Houghton.

Sire: **JUMP START**, dk.b./br., 99, stands at Northview PA, Peach Bottom, Pa.

Dam: **CHINA SKY**, dk.b./br., 91, bred by Chuck Winner and Neil Papiano (Calif.). Raced 3 years, 32 starts, 3 wins at 3 and 4, \$110,396. (FTK Jan 98—\$40,000 in foal to Lit de Justice; Kee Nov 98—\$47,000 in foal to Lit de Justice; Kee Nov 04—\$67,000 in foal to Malibu Moon)

98 Justice Bites, b.g. by Lit de Justice. Raced 6 years, 34 starts, 7 wins at 3, 5 and 6, \$153,398. (FTK July 99—\$20,000)

99 **JUSTICE FOR AUSTON**, dk.b./br.c. by Lit de Justice. Raced 8 years, 63 starts, 8 wins, 3 to 8, \$394,208, Aegon Turf Sprint S-G3, 2nd Taylor's Special S twice, 3rd Taylor's Special S. (Kee Sept 00—\$17,000)

00 Supplize, dk.b./br.g. by Will's Way. Raced 1 year, 3 starts at 3, 0 wins, \$1,290.

01 **ROAD TO MANDALAY**, dk.b./br.f. by Sea of Secrets. Raced 2 years, 16 starts, 3 wins at 2 and 3, \$98,788, Remington Park Oaks, 3rd Green Oaks. (Kee Sept 02—\$10,000) Dam of **LA CONCERTO** (8 wins, \$248,056, Arctic Queen H), **Game Token** (8 wins, \$312,363, 3rd New York Stallion Times Square S).

02 Barren.

03 Prize Packet, dk.b./br.f. by Prized. Raced 4 years, 27 starts, 5 wins, 3 to 5, \$49,991. (FTK Oct 04—\$27,000)

04 Slipped.

05 **LUNE ROUGE**, dk.b./br.f. by Malibu Moon. Raced 3 years, 19 starts, 4 wins at 2 and 3, \$132,434, Pollyanna Pixie S, 2nd Regal Rumor S, All Sold Out S.

07 Soleil Rouge, dk.b./br.f. by E Dubai. Raced 4 years, 30 starts, 3 wins at 2, 3 and 5, \$43,232.

08 Bon Ciel, dk.b./br.g. by Good Reward. Raced 3 years, 18 starts, 1 win at 3, \$39,638.

10 City Walker, b.g. by City Zip. Raced 2 years, 12 starts, 2 wins at 3 and 4, \$37,454.

11 **BOUND**, b.f. by Jump Start.

12-13 Barren.

DARK NILE

Delaware Oaks-G3

\$300,000-guaranteed, 1¼ mi., 3-year-old fillies. Delaware Park, July 9.

	Empire Maker	Unbridled	Fappiano
		Toussaud	Gana Facil
Pioneerof the Nile		Lord At War (Arg)	El Gran Senor
	Star of Goshen		Image of Reality
		Castle Eight	General (Fr)
Dark Nile , dk.b./br.f., 2013			Luna de Miel
		A.P. Indy	Key to the Kingdom
	Bernardini		Her Native
		Cara Rafaela	Seattle Slew
Royal Society			Weekend Surprise
		Chief's Crown	Quiet American
	Tres Coronas		Oil Fable
		Scapegoat	Danzig
			Six Crowns
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Nov. 19	Geisha	3YO & Up	Fillies & Mares	1 Mile	\$75,000
Dec. 10	Maryland Juvenile Futurity	2yo		7 furlongs	\$100,000
	Maryland Juvenile Filly Championship	2yo	Fillies	7 furlongs	\$100,000
	Howard M. Bender Memorial	3YO & up		6 furlongs	\$75,000
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Stakes winners

SARATOGA JACK

Crowd Pleaser Stakes

\$100,000-guaranteed, abt. 1 $\frac{1}{16}$ mi., turf, registered Pennsylvania-bred 3-year-olds. Parx Racing, July 23.

			Storm Bird		Northern Dancer
		Storm Cat			South Ocean
			Terlingua		Secretariat
	Emperor Tiberius				Crimson Saint
		Retrospective	Easy Goer		Alydar
			Hay Patcher		Relaxing
Saratoga Jack , dk.b./br.c., 2013					Hoist the Flag
					Turn to Talent
	Williamstown		Seattle Slew		Bold Reasoning
					My Charmer
	Thinkoutsidethebox		Winter Sparkle		Northjet (Ire)
					Turn to Talent
			Cornish Prince		Bold Ruler
	Mahari's Apple				Teleran
			Lido Belle		*Ribot
					Mahari
	starts	1st	2nd	3rd	earnings
15	unraced				
16 (sw)	7	3 (1)	1	1	\$154,830 (through July 23)

2016: 1st \$100,000 **Crowd Pleaser S**, abt. 1 $\frac{1}{16}$ mi., turf, registered Pa.-bred 3-year-olds, Parx, July 23. Bred by Kate Goldenberg and Helen Boynton (Pa.); owned by Jean Mahoney; trained by Miguel Vera.

Sire: **EMPEROR TIBERIUS**, b., 04, stands at Mountain Springs Farm, Shartlesville, Pa.

Dam: **THINKOUTSIDETHEBOX**, dk.b./br., 97, bred by A Cross Ranch Ltd. (Ky.). Raced 1 year, 1 start at 2, 0 wins, \$500. (Kee Sept 98—\$18,000)

01 My Best Prospect, dk.b./br.c. by Allen's Prospect. Raced 2 years, 5 starts at 2 and 3, 0 wins, \$6,765. (FTM Dec 01—\$15,000)

02 Slipped.

03 Foal died.

04 Philly Style, dk.b./br.f. by Allen's Prospect. Raced 1 year, 9 starts at 3, 0 wins, \$12,362.

05 A. P. Course, dk.b./br.f. by A. P. Jet. Raced 1 year, 5 starts at 3, 0 wins, \$750.

06 Black Tie Only, dk.b./br.g. by Black Tie Affair (Ire). Raced 6 years, 50 starts, 4 wins, 3 to 6, \$161,702.

08 Slipped.

11 Barren.

13 **SARATOGA JACK**, dk.b./br.c. by Emperor Tiberius.

14 dk.b./br.f. by Show Tune.

15 Barren.

SPELLING AGAIN

Princess Rooney Stakes-G2

\$250,000-guaranteed, 7 fur., fillies and mares, 3 & up. Gulfstream Park, July 2.

Spelling Again, b.m., 2011				Vice Regent	Northern Dancer
		Deputy Minister		Mint Copy	Victoria Regina
		Awesome Again		Blushing Groom (Fr)	Bunty's Flight
		Primal Force		Prime Prospect	Shakney
					Red God
					Runaway Bride (GB)
		Alphabet Soup		Cozzene	Mr. Prospector
		Spelling		Illiterate	Square Generation
					Caro (Ire)
		Mrs. K.		Dixieland Band	Ride the Trails
			Flavia Miss	Arts and Letters	
				Laurel Mae	
				Northern Dancer	
				Mississippi Mud	
				His Majesty	
				Flavia	
	starts	1st	2nd	3rd	earnings
13	unraced				
14	5	2	2	0	\$ 61,166
15 (sw)	11	3 (2)	1	3 (1)	270,260
16 (sw)	4	1 (1)	0	2 (2)	186,150
	20	6 (3)	3	5 (3)	\$517,576 (through July 2)

2015: 1st \$100,000 **Open Mind S**, 6 fur., fillies and mares, 3 & up, Churchill, Sept. 12; \$200,000 **Chilukki S-G2**, 1 mi., fillies and mares, 3 & up, Churchill, Nov. 7; 3rd **Go for Wand H-G3**. **2016:** 1st \$250,000 **Princess Rooney S-G2**, 7 fur., fillies and mares, 3 & up, Gulfstream, July 2; 3rd **Ruffian S-G2**, **Winning Colors S-G3**.

Bred by George Strawbridge (Pa.); owned by Seajay Racing LLC; trained by Brad H. Cox.

Sire: **AWESOME AGAIN**, b., 94, stands at Adena Springs Kentucky, Paris, Ky.

Dam: **Spelling**, ch., 99, bred by Kenneth L. Ramsey and Sarah K. Ramsey (Ky.). Raced 3 years, 15 starts, 5 wins at 2 and 3, \$161,710, 2nd Go for Wand S, Wide Country S, 3rd Barbara Fritchie H-G2. (Kee Sept 00—\$3,000; OBS June 01—\$60,000; Kee Nov 11—\$50,000 in foal to Broken Vow)

05 Aly Pie, ch.f. by Gold Case. Raced 6 years, 46 starts, 9 wins, 3 to 7, \$141,159. (FTM Oct 06—\$10,000; OBS June 07—\$35,000)

06 Cavera, b.f. by Not For Love. In England, raced 1 year, 3 starts at 2, 0 wins, \$31,001.

07 Barren.

08 **SKY WILLOW**, b.f. by Empire Maker. Raced 2 years, 9 starts, 3 wins at 3 and 4, \$114,979, Northern Fling S, 3rd Lyphard S.

09 Preciosity, b.c. by Arch. Unraced.

10 In His Kiss, ch.f. by Broken Vow. Raced 2 years, 3 starts at 3 and 4, 0 wins, \$3,220.

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Stakes winners

- 11 **SPELLING AGAIN**, b.f. by Awesome Again.
12 Flash Trading, ch.g. by Broken Vow. Raced 2 years, 19 starts, 3 wins at 3 and 4, \$145,598. (FTK July 13—\$85,000; Kee April 14—\$170,000)
13 Not Taken, b.f. by Arch. Raced 1 year, 3 starts, 1 win at 3, \$16,560. (FTK Oct 14—\$70,000; OBS April 15—\$145,000)
14 Conquest Sweetride, ch.f. by Candy Ride (Arg). Raced 1 year, 1 start at 2, 0 wins, \$620. (FTK Oct 15—\$110,000)
15 b.f. by Point of Entry.
16 c. by Shackleford.

Virginia-bred

LONG ON VALUE

Lucky Coin Stakes

\$100,000-guaranteed, 5½ fur., turf, 4 & up. Saratoga, July 25.

			Unbridled	Fappiano	
			Unbridled's Song	Gana Facil	
			Trolley Song	Caro (Ire)	
	Value Plus			Lucky Spell	
			Rollin On Over	Brent's Prince	
		Roll Over Baby		Miss Tomboy	
			Sweet Praise	Honey Jay	
Long On Value, b.c., 2011				Sky Tribute	
			Mt. Livermore	Blushing Groom (Fr)	
	Orientate			Flama Ardiente	
			Dream Team	Cox's Ridge	
Long Message				Likely Double	
			Phone Trick	Clever Trick	
		Reverse the Call		Over the Phone	
			Pontresina	Prove Out	
				Princess Dare	
	starts	1st	2nd	3rd	earnings
13 (sw)	5	3 (2)	0	0	\$ 85,300
14 (sw)	9	2 (2)	2 (2)	1 (1)	333,338
15 (sw)	4	1 (1)	0	1 (1)	142,560
16 (sw)	4	1 (1)	2 (1)	0	111,920
	22	7 (6)	4 (3)	2 (2)	\$673,118 (through July 25)

2013: 1st \$50,000 **Jamestown S**, 5½ fur., turf, registered Va.-bred or sired 2-year-olds, Colonial, July 6; \$50,000 **Strike Your Colors S** (1st div.), 5½ fur., 2-year-olds, Delaware, July 29. **2014:** 1st \$200,000 **Mystic Lake Derby**, 1 mi., turf, 3-year-olds, Canterbury, Sept. 13; \$200,000 **Twilight Derby-G2**, 1½ mi., turf, 3-year-olds, Santa Anita, Oct. 31; 2nd **Arlington Classic S-G3**, **Manila S**; 3rd **Fred Cappy Capossela S**. **2015:** 1st \$150,000 **Canadian Turf S-G3**, 1 mi., turf, 4 & up, Gulfstream, Feb. 21; 3rd **Maker's 46 Mile S-G1**. **2016:** 1st \$100,000 **Lucky Coin S**, 5½ fur., turf, 4 & up, Saratoga, July 25; 2nd **Canadian Turf S-G3**.
Bred by Snow Lantern Thoroughbreds (Va.); owned by Wachtel Stable and George J. Kerr; trained by William I. Mott.
Sire: **VALUE PLUS**, gr./ro., 01, stands at Hallmarc Stallions at Stonewall Farm, Ocala, Fla.
Dam: LONG MESSAGE, b., 04, bred by Harry L. Landry and Rhapsody Farm (N.Y.). Unraced.
08 Amangiri, b.f. by Medaglia d'Oro. Raced 1 year, 8 starts, 1 win at 3, \$21,056. (NYBSC Oct 08—\$30,000; Kee Sept 09—\$75,000)
09 Fox's Silver Socks, gr./ro.g. by Value Plus. Unraced. (Kee Sept 10—\$3,500)
10 Barren.
11 **LONG ON VALUE**, b.c. by Value Plus. (FTM Oct 12—\$3,000)
12 Slipped; 13 barren.
15 Keepupthmessage, ch.f. by Keep Up.
16 Hold the Message, gr./ro.f. by Cross Traffic.

QUEEN CAROLINE

Ta Wee Stakes

\$100,000-guaranteed, 1 mi., turf, 3-year-old fillies. Indiana Grand, July 20.

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		Aurora	Sharp Queen		
Blame			Danzig		
		Seeking the Gold	Althea		
	Liable		Mr. Prospector		
		Bound	Con Game		
Queen Caroline, dk.b./br.f., 2013			Nijinsky II		
		Storm Cat	Special		
	Forestry		Storm Bird		
		Shared Interest	Terlingua		
Queens Plaza			Pleasant Colony		
		Seattle Slew	Surgery		
	Kew Garden		Bold Reasoning		
		Jeano	My Charmer		
			Fappiano		
			Basie		
	starts	1st	2nd	3rd	earnings
15	2	0	0	0	\$ 1,832
16 (sw)	5	3 (2)	2	0	136,684
	7	3 (2)	2	0	\$138,516 (through July 20)

2016: 1st \$60,000 **Nellie Mae Cox S**, 1½ mi., turf, registered Va.-bred or Va.-sired fillies and mares, 3 & up, Pimlico, June 25; \$100,000 **Ta Wee S**, 1 mi., turf, 3-year-old fillies, Indiana Grand, July 20.
Bred by Morgan's Ford Farm (Va.); owned by Amy Moore; trained by Michael R. Matz.
Sire: **BLAME**, b., 06, stands at Claiborne Farm, Paris, Ky.
Dam: **QUEENS PLAZA**, dk.b./br., 02, bred by Classic Thoroughbreds XIV (Ky.). Raced 2 years, 7 starts, 2 wins at 2, \$92,507, Sorority S. (Kee Nov 10—\$18,000 in foal to Value Plus)
07 c. by Value Plus. Died 2007.
08 Royal Matter, ch.c. by Theatrical (Ire). Unraced. (OBS June 10—\$20,000)
09 **Queen Teuta**, ch.f. by Theatrical (Ire). In Saudi Arabia and U.S., raced 2 years, 12 starts, 2 wins at 2 and 3, \$89,594, 3rd Debutante S-G3. (Kee Sept 10—\$20,000)
10 Royal Barrister, b.g. by Lawyer Ron. Raced 1 year, 2 starts, 1 win at 2, \$28,500. (Kee Nov 10—\$50,000; Kee Sept 11—\$150,000)
11 Valuable Prince, gr./ro.g. by Value Plus. Raced 1 year, 2 starts, 1 win at 3, \$24,300. (Kee Nov 11—\$13,000; OBS Aug 12—\$20,000; OBS April 13—\$31,000)
13 **QUEEN CAROLINE**, dk.b./br.f. by Blame. (Kee Sept 14—\$170,000)
14 Lutetia, dk.b./br.f. by Midnight Lute. Unraced.
16 f. by Include.

STELLAR WIND

Clement L. Hirsch Stakes-G1

\$300,000-guaranteed, 1½ mi., fillies and mares, 3 & up. Del Mar, July 30.

					Mr. Prospector	Raise a Native
		Smart Strike				Gold Digger
					Classy 'n Smart	Smarten
	Curlin					No Class
					Deputy Minister	Vice Regent
		Sherriff's Deputy				Mint Copy
					Barbarika	Bates Motel
Stellar Wind, ch.f., 2012						War Exchange
					A.P. Indy	Seattle Slew
		Malibu Moon				Weekend Surprise
					Macoumba	Mr. Prospector
	Evening Star					Maximova (Fr)
					Northern Fashion	Northern Dancer
		Sequins				Fashionable Trick
					Brilliant Touch	Gleaming
						Indian Nurse
	starts	1st	2nd	3rd		earnings
14	2	1	0	1		\$ 27,200
15 (sw)	6	4 (4)	1 (1)	0		886,000
16 (sw)	2	1 (1)	1 (1)	0		260,000
	10	6 (5)	2 (2)	1		\$1,173,200 (through July 30)

2015: **Champion 3-year-old filly**, 1st \$100,000 **Santa Ysabel S-G3**, 1½ mi., 3-year-old fillies, Santa Anita, Feb. 28; \$400,000 **Santa Anita Oaks-G1**, 1½ mi., 3-year-old fillies, Santa Anita, April 4; \$200,000 **Summertime Oaks-G2**, 1½ mi., 3-year-old fillies, Santa Anita, June 20; \$100,000 **Torrey Pines S-G3**, 1 mi., 3-year-old fillies, Del Mar, Aug. 30; 2nd **Breeders' Cup Distaff-G1**. **2016:** 1st \$300,000 **Clement L. Hirsch S-G1**, 1½ mi., fillies and mares, 3 & up, Del Mar, July 30; 2nd **Vanity Mile S-G1**.
Bred by Keswick Stables and Stonestreet Thoroughbred Holdings LLC (Va.); owned by Hronis Racing LLC; trained by John W. Sadler.
Sire: **CURLIN**, ch., 04, stands at Hill 'n' Dale Farms, Lexington, Ky.
Dam: **EVENING STAR**, b., 06, bred by Keswick Stables (Va.). Raced 2 years, 12 starts, 2 wins at 4, \$53,802.
12 **STELLAR WIND**, ch.f. by Curlin. (FTN Sar 13—\$40,000; FTM Sept 13—\$86,000)
13 Winter Evening, gr./ro.f. by Exchange Rate. Unraced.
14 Bozeman, b.c. by Birdstone. Unraced. (Kee Sept 15—\$190,000)
15 Barren.



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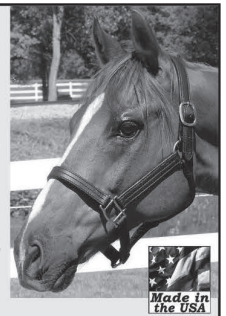
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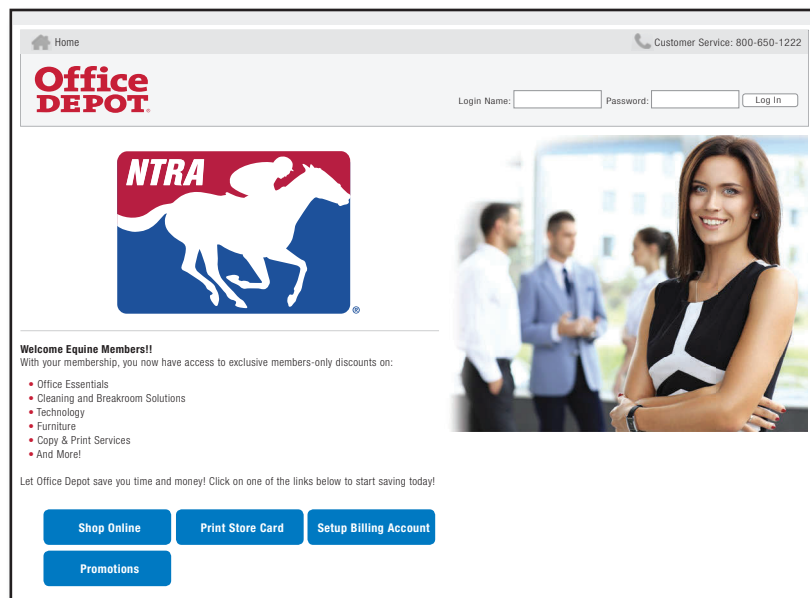
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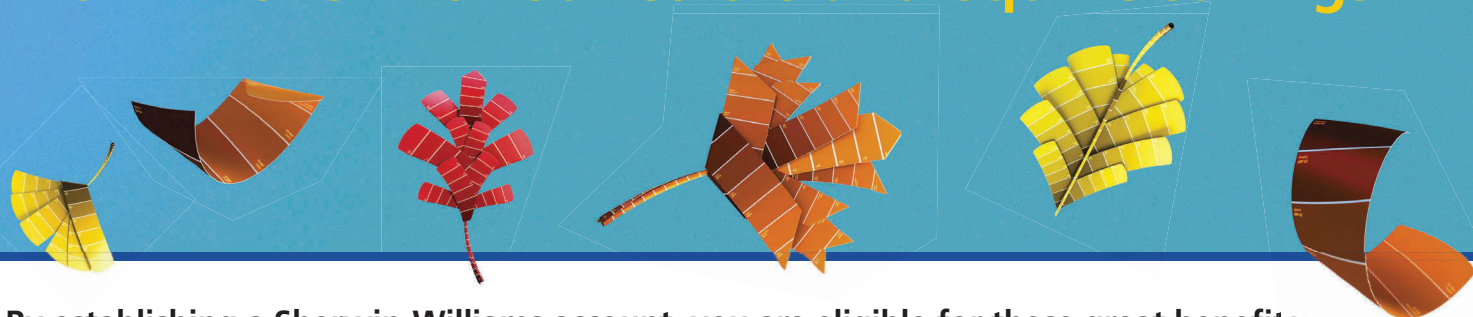
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Talking shop with new MHBA president Willie White

By Joe Clancy

Robert "Willie" White used to buy the VHS tapes of his horses' defeats. Before that, he peppered his trainer Ham Smith with so many questions at the barn that Smith would hand White a shank and make him a hotwalker. Before that, White and his friends would sneak into the Washington, D.C., International Day races at Laurel Park. And before that, he would ask his mom to drive past Laurel on the way home from the grocery store so he could see the horses.

Now, 26 years after becoming an owner, White is president of the Maryland Horse Breeders Association.

He takes over from Josh Pons, whose term ended in May, and hopes to continue the recent growth and prosperity of the Thoroughbred in Maryland.

"It was never on my mind," he said of becoming president. "But I'm going to work hard at it, I'm going to try very hard to be successful at it. There's a significant responsibility to the right stuff that's already here. I did it because we do have a great team and a great product."

The Clarksville resident, owner of Mid-Atlantic Door Group and a partner with Lou Rehak and Bob Orndorff in the Skeedattle Associates



Jim McCue

owner/breeder group, talked with editor Joe Clancy about the new post.

How did you get here?

"A buddy of mine [Rehak] called and said there were two halves of two horses available. Ham Smith had them for sale because one of his owners had passed away. That was 26 years ago (they bought two quarters instead of two halves) and we thought it was a good way to learn and become part of the industry. Since then it's grown to something

my family's been involved in and my friends and partners and I have traveled, seen and learned about the industry. I don't know of anything else you can do as a family and have the kind of fun that we have."

How did Skeedattle Associates come to be?

"We added Bob Orndorff, our third partner, and our first horse was Seattle Skeedattle. Because of her it was Skeedattle Associates and it's been that (or variations on the theme) ever since. We've probably owned 200 horses (headed by the likes of Gin Talking, Dixie Talking, Done Talking, Mr O'Brien (Ire), Jack's in the Deck, Touch Love and others).

As an owner, what are your favorite memories?

"We've been to the Breeders' Cup, the Arlington Million, we've run a horse in the Kentucky Derby. We won the Dixie at home in Maryland. We won the Schuylerville at Saratoga. When you get a couple of those experiences it really churns your blood. At the same time, I can name some claiming races we won that were just as much fun because it was the right group. Every

picture I have on my walls of Gin Talking, the crowd was so big we could not fit in the winner's circle. When any of my friends saw Gin Talking running, they came to the track."

How can your experience be an example for others?

"We've had so much fun, you wish everybody could have that experience. I don't know of anything else you can do as a family and have the kind of fun that we have. My grandkids can't wait to go to the track. It's a great sport you can share with people at any age. One win picture we have has an 87-year-old and a six-month-old in it."

What is the role of the MHBA in terms of promoting Thoroughbred breeding and owning?

"Our board's responsibility is to do everything we can do

to support and enhance the breeding farms in the state of Maryland. We're going to do all we can do to justify the money the state gives us (from slot machine revenue) and work to spend it the right way. We have a great bonus program and a great sense how to breed a good horse and raise a good horse, but we have to find a way to get people interested in doing it even though they might not have grown up with horses or have experienced it before. To convince someone that a racehorse is the best place to put your money is difficult. It's expensive, so you've got to make it fun and make it something people want to do."

Do the recent improvements at the Maryland Jockey Club racetracks help?

"Definitely. If you look at the racetrack and what they're doing and how they're spending money and how just

changing that experience is filling the racetrack back up. I don't remember since I've been in the business ever having the cooperation between Maryland Thoroughbred Horsemen's Association, the Maryland Horse Breeders Association and the Maryland Jockey Club. You go to a meeting now and all three groups are in the room and they really are trying to figure out the best way to get it done rather than just trying to protect their own house."

Much has been made about the increased incentives for Maryland-breds in place now. How important are they and how do you keep them?

"All of the progress we've made is because everybody went in the room and said they would work for the betterment of the industry and not just their own area. As

long as we can keep that teamwork in place we are all going to succeed. I think the people in Annapolis recognize there's a lot more cohesive effort within our industry than there was. But all the bonus money in the world doesn't mean we're going to be successful. We have to learn from everything that's happened here and in the other states. We have to do the work."

What are you looking forward to?

"We've got a big year ahead of us. Dealing with the challenges of success can be as challenging as dealing with tough times. I'm a very committed person to continuity. If people buy or breed a horse, they're told this is what you get. I want to keep that. I want to make sure it's as successful as it can be. It's not like I have to do this thing by myself. I try to learn from all the good people with me or around me."



Maryland-bred Bonus Payments

for registered Maryland-breds running in Maryland
Bonuses are paid 45 to 75 days from date of actual race

Purse \$	1st place earns \$	1st place breeder bonus \$	2nd place earns \$	2nd place breeder bonus \$	3rd place earns \$	3rd place breeder bonus \$
14000	7980	2394	2940	882	1540	462
14500	8265	2479.50	3045	913.50	1595	478.50
15000	8550	2565	3150	945	1650	495
15500	8835	2650.50	3255	976.50	1705	511.50
16000	9120	2736	3360	1008	1760	528
16500	9405	2821.50	3465	1039.50	1815	544.50
17000	9690	2907	3570	1071	1870	561
17500	9975	2992.50	3675	1102.50	1925	577.50
18000	10260	3078	3780	1134	1980	594
18500	10545	3163.50	3885	1165.50	2035	610.50
19000	10830	3249	3990	1197	2090	627
19500	11115	3334.50	4095	1228.50	2145	643.50
20000	11400	3420	4200	1260	2200	660
21000	11970	3591	4410	1323	2310	693
22000	12540	3762	4620	1386	2420	726
23000	13110	3933	4830	1449	2530	759
24000	13680	4104	5040	1512	2640	792
25000	14250	4275	5250	1575	2750	825
26000	14820	4446	5460	1638	2860	858
27000	15390	4617	5670	1701	2970	891
28000	15960	4788	5880	1764	3080	924
29000	16530	4959	6090	1827	3190	957
30000	17100	5130	6300	1890	3300	990
31000	17670	5301	6510	1953	3410	1023
32000	18240	5472	6720	2016	3520	1056

Purse \$	1st place earns \$	1st place breeder bonus \$	2nd place earns \$	2nd place breeder bonus \$	3rd place earns \$	3rd place breeder bonus \$
33000	18810	5643	6930	2079	3630	1089
34000	19380	5814	7140	2142	3740	1122
35000	19950	5985	7350	2205	3850	1155
36000	20520	6156	7560	2268	3960	1188
37000	21090	6327	7770	2331	4070	1221
38000	21660	6498	7980	2394	4180	1254
39000	22230	6669	8190	2457	4290	1287
40000	22800	6840	8400	2520	4400	1320
41000	23370	7011	8610	2583	4510	1353
42000	23940	7182	8820	2646	4620	1386
43000	24510	7353	9030	2709	4730	1419
44000	25080	7524	9240	2772	4840	1452
45000	25650	7695	9450	2835	4950	1485
46000	26220	7866	9660	2898	5060	1518
47000	26790	8037	9870	2961	5170	1551
48000	27360	8208	10080	3024	5280	1584
49000	27930	8379	10290	3087	5390	1617
50000	28500	8550	10500	3150	5500	1650
51000	29070	8721	10710	3213	5610	1683
52000	29640	8892	10920	3276	5720	1716
53000	30210	9063	11130	3339	5830	1749
54000	30780	9234	11340	3402	5940	1782
55000	31350	9405	11550	3465	6050	1815
56000	31920	9576	11760	3528	6160	1848
57000	32490	9747	11970	3591	6270	1881

Purses for all overnight races to be divided 57% to the winner, 21% to second, 11% to third, 6% to fourth, 3% to fifth and 2% to sixth, unless otherwise specified in the conditions of the race. Stakes are capped at \$100,000 for Maryland-bred bonuses, and paid at 30% of purse earned for 1st, 2nd and 3rd places. Bonuses paid on stakes exceeding \$100,000 will be calculated on purse distributions of a \$100,000 stakes. In general, purses for stakes races are divided 60% to the winner, 20% to second, 10% to third, 6% to fourth, 3% to fifth and 1% to sixth. Refer to specific conditions of the race.

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MARYLAND FOAL REPORT



Angelika Hala (2)



Thunderhill Farm welcomed Breeders' Cup connected fillies born in April: by Classic winner Drosselmeyer (left) out of Brave Betty, and by Mile winner Artie Schiller out of Sioux City Slew.

AKIRA, by Aldebaran, b.f., April 13, by Great Notion. Dr. Klobia Carroll.

ARTIE'S PARTY, by Artie Schiller, b.c., April 26, by Gio Ponti. Burning Daylight Farms. Mare to Friesan Fire.

BEAR SLAYER, by Two Punch, b.c., March 26, by Great Notion. Morgan Dove. Mare to Great Notion.

BRAVE BETTY, by Aloma's Ruler, ch.f., April 10, by Drosselmeyer. AS Rennklub LLC.

BROULAN, by Pleasant Tap, b.f., May 10, by Outflanker. Trevor Hewick. Mare to Buffum.

CLASSY CHOICE, by Successful Appeal, ch.c., April 3, by Bandbox. Konrad Wayson. Mare to Bandbox.

CONGAREE PRINCESS, by Congaree, b.c., May 20, by Jump Start. Dan Marconi.

CROSS CREEK ROSIE, by Castine, b.c., May 9, by Majesticperfection. Edward Krishack. Mare to Golden Lad.

DANCE APPROVAL, by With Approval, b.f., Feb. 23, by Seville (Ger). Cornelia Gibson. Mare to Bourbon Courage.

DEAL THE CARDS, by Mt. Livermore, b.f., April 28, by Maclean's Music. Sam English. Mare to Golden Lad.

DIVINE PLAN, by Holy Bull, b.c., April 22, by Orientate. Reid Nagle. Mare to Awesome of Course.

DOMINIX, by Orientate, gr./ro.f., May 6, by Despite the Odds. Sam English. Mare to Bourbon Courage.

DWELLING PLACE, by Forest Camp, ch.f., May 3, by Friesan Fire. Frank Perri.

FIX YOU, by Flying Chevron, ch.f., May 7, by El Padrino.

Matt Groff. Mare to Golden Lad.

FRIVOLOUS FLO, by Flame Thrower, ch.c., March 22, by El Padrino. Dr. Jason Layfield. Mare to El Padrino.

FRIVOLOUS PAL, by Not For Love, b.f., May 12, by Majesticperfection. James Blackwell. Mare to Golden Lad.

FUHRESS, by Langfuhr, b.c., May 4, by The Lumber Guy. Trevor Hewick. Mare to Great Notion.

GRACIE'S COURT, by Eastover Court, gr./ro.f., March 19, by Tritap. Patricia Shockey. Mare to Golden Lad.

HAITIAN NATION, by Petionville, b.c., May 18, by Friesan Fire. John McDaniel. Mare to Great Notion.

HARLAN'S PEPPER, by Harlan's Holiday, b.c., April 18, by Telling. Reid Nagle. Mare to First Dude.

HONGKONG TOUR, by Broken Vow, b.c., Feb. 27, by Buffum. Paul L. Fowler. Mare to Bandbox.

JUSTTENCENTSADANCE, by Disco Rico, ch.f., April 16, by Brother Derek. Anthony Grigsby. Mare to Great Notion.

LA SSO FROM EL PASO, by Smoke Glacken, b.c., Feb. 10, by Bullsby. Franklin and Karen Lewkowitz. Mare to Bullsby.

LA TINA, by Labeeb (GB), b.f., April 26, by Jump Start. James F. Thames. Mare to Golden Lad.

LIL SOLDIER GIRL, by Castine, b.c., May 7, by Etched. Edward R. Krishack. Mare to Buffum.

MALIBU MOMENT, by Malibu Moon, b.c., March 22, by Great Notion. Gordon Keys. Mare to Golden Lad.



Rick Buckkey

C & B Stables' multiple stakes-placed mare Story of a Lion (by Lion Hearted) produced her first foal, a filly by Despite the Odds.



Cornelia Gibson's multiple stakes producer Dance Approval is the dam of a filly from the first U.S.-sired crop of Seville (Ger).

MARGARET MARY, by Dance With Ravens, b.f., May 1, by Bandbox. Terry Shane. Mare to Golden Lad.

M M DINNER, by Meadow Monster, b.f., March 31, by Seville (Ger). Patricia Shockey. Mare to Great Notion.

MS. DOMINATION, by Power by Far, b.c., April 21, by Big Brown. AS Rennklub LLC.

PROBATIONAL DANCER, by Woodman, ch.f., May 15, by Smarty Jones. Jim Hardin. Mare to Golden Lad.

SCHEING E JET, by Unbridled Jet, ch.c., April 27, by Smarty Jones. Bob Miller and Maryann Miller. Mare to Buffum.

SHE'S CURLY, by Curlin, b.c., Feb. 10, by Bandbox. Carl Lanier. Mare to Bandbox.

SILKEN LIZZIE, by Fiber Sonde, b.f., May 10, by Nicanor. Trevor Hewick. Mare to Great Notion.

SIOUX CITY SLEW, by Ocala Slew, b.f., April 20, by Artie Schiller. AS Rennklub LLC.

SISTER SILVER, by Saint Ballado, gr./ro.c., March 22, by Bandbox. William T. Bourne. Mare to Golden Lad.

SO SMASHING, by Two Punch, gr./ro.c., March 1, by Band-



Cornelia Gibson (2)

Filly by Seville (Ger) is out of stakes winner Swear to It.

box. Sycamore Hall Thoroughbreds. Mare to Great Notion.

STREET WALTZ, by Street Cry (Ire), b.f., April 19, by Mucho Macho Man. Chris Sterbenz. Mare to Imagining.

STUTTGART, by Cherokee Run, ch.f., March 26, by El Padrino. Sycamore Hall Thoroughbreds. Mare to Golden Lad.

SUPER TOUGH, by Good and Tough, b.c., Feb. 7, by Great Notion. PTK LLC.

SWEAR TO IT, by Swear by Dixie, b.f., March 6, by Seville (Ger). Cornelia Gibson. Mare to Seville (Ger).



MARYLAND-BRED STAKES WINNERS

Greatbullsoffire first Maryland-bred juvenile stakes winner in 2016

Kathleen Willier's Greatbullsoffire notched his first career stakes victory in the \$50,000 Strike Your Colors Stakes at Delaware Park Aug. 4 to remain undefeated in two starts.

Sent off as favorite in the field of six 2-year-olds, the colt guided by Victor Carrasco won by 2½ lengths and covered the 5½ furlongs in 1:04.55 over a fast main track. In his

debut on July 17 over Laurel Park's turf course, the son of Bullsbay trained by Hamilton Smith broke his maiden by a neck at the same distance after leading throughout.

Bred by Sycamore Hall Thoroughbreds, Greatbullsoffire is the third foal out of the Great Notion mare Great Hostess, and her third winner. Table Jumper, Greatbullsoffire's year-old half-sister (by

Jump Start), was multiple stakes-placed last year at 2, and finished on the board in three of her four starts. The family includes stakes winner and top South African sire Western Winter and Canadian champion Archers Bay. Great Hostess was barren in 2015 and 2016 and is in foal to Blame for 2017.

Willier purchased Greatbullsoffire for \$50,000 from the

Northview Stallion Station consignment at the Fasig-Tipton Midlantic Fall Yearling sale. He is from the last Maryland-sired crop by Grade 1 winner Bullsbay, who stood at Northview Stallion Station in Chesapeake City until being moved to Northview PA for the 2014 breeding season. 🐾



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MARYLAND FUND REPORT

Bonuses paid for races at Maryland tracks
May 1 to May 31, 2016

Breeder bonuses

Joseph Ayres Jr.—BELLE ALLESSANDRA: May 27, 3rd race, \$945.
David Baxter—MISS EDMUND: May 6, 2nd race, \$945.
Bender and Bender LLC—CHARLIE'S DARLIN: May 19, 5th race, \$891. CRUISE MORE: May 1, 8th race, \$990; May 20, 14th race, \$5,985. INDIAN BUCKS: May 8, 6th race, \$4,275. LONGING TO TRAVEL: May 14, 4th race, \$891; May 29, 2nd race, \$891. SOUP D'COUPE: May 20, 14th race, \$1,155. (\$15,078)
Estate of Howard M. Bender—BLU MOON ACE: May 30, 8th race, \$2,205. PIZMO TIME: May 8, 9th race, \$2,646. STREET CRUIZER: May 15, 8th race, \$7,182. ZEN'S LAND: May 6, 3rd race, \$5,643. (\$17,676)
Joe Bickel—DUMPSTER DIVA: May 7, 10th race, \$1,008; May 27, 3rd race, \$2,565. (\$3,573)
Bonita Farm—BETE NOIR: May 28, 7th race, \$1,701. HIDEAWAY MOON: May 29, 5th race, \$2,565. (\$4,266)
Bonita Farm and Hellfire Stables LLC—MORAL HIGH GROUND: May 27, 2nd race, \$1,134.
Dr. and Mrs. Thomas Bowman and Dr. Brooke Bowman—VIELSALM: May 21, 10th race, \$6,000.
Dr. and Mrs. Thomas Bowman, Dr. Brooke Bowman and R. Larry Johnson—NEXT STREET: May 27, 1st race, \$2,520.
Dr. and Mrs. Thomas Bowman, Glen Caddy and Northview Stallion Station—BOOSTING: May 12, 3rd race, \$3,762.
Dr. and Mrs. Thomas Bowman and Rebecca Davis—JROCK: May 19, 8th race, \$5,130.
Dr. and Mrs. Thomas Bowman, Rebecca Davis and Dr. Brooke Bowman—SKIP THE PUNCH: May 28, 6th race, \$495.
Dr. and Mrs. Thomas Bowman, Dutrow TB Ent Inc. and Rebecca Davis—JACKSON P: May 12, 6th race, \$1,449.
Dr. and Mrs. Thomas Bowman and Northview Stallion Station—JUMPIN JULIAN: May 26, 6th race, \$495.
Dr. and Mrs. Thomas Bowman and Richard W. Small—BAWLMEER HON: May 15, 6th race, \$1,320. SHOUK: May 26, 6th race, \$945. (\$2,265)
Louis Carrico—PISTOL POSSE: May 28, 8th race, \$5,643.
James T. and Brenda Christmas—TWO PUNCH TOO: May 12, 2nd race, \$3,078.
Henry S. Clark III—MISS GLENGAR: May 19, 9th race, \$945.
Cordelia Stables LLC—AIRLIE'S DIAMOND: May 13, 9th race, \$726.
Country Life Farm and Richard Horwitz—MAGGIE WAG: May 8, 7th race, \$1,008.
Country Roads Ltd.—FLAME OF MY HEART: May 30, 4th race, \$891. HAVE HOPE: May 1, 2nd race, \$4,617. IT'S A BANG: May 29, 7th race, \$1,071. (\$6,579)
Cynefin Trust—MINOR LEGEND: May 13, 2nd race, \$3,078.
Dark Hollow Farm and William Paca Beatson—HOMEBOYKRIS: May 21, 1st race, \$5,985.

David DiPietro and Herbert A. May III—Q'S JACK: May 8, 10th race, \$945.
David DiPietro—SAZERAC GIRL: May 30, 6th race, \$1,320.
Kevin Dove Jr.—HENRYS WAY: May 30, 1st race, \$594.
Hassan Elamri—NOUR IAYOUN: May 20, 4th race, \$1,716.
Annette Eubanks and Daniel Eubanks—STORMY MAMA: May 8, 1st race, \$561.
James H. Falk Sr.—TANGO DELTA: May 14, 7th race, \$2,079.
Caroline Rebecca Finacchio and Thomas Finacchio—OYSTER SOUP: May 6, 3rd race, \$1,089.
Finale Farm—CHAMBERLIN ROAD: May 6, 8th race, \$1,320.
Fitzhugh LLC—GURSKY: May 30, 8th race, \$1,155. NIGHT OFFICER: May 1, 4th race, \$1,716. OPIE: May 26, 7th race, \$726. STRUTH: May 26, 8th race, \$7,182. (\$10,779)
Dennis Fosdick—PROUD MAID MARIAN: May 12, 3rd race, \$726.
John Foster—ANYTHINGICANDOFORU: May 6, 2nd race, \$495.
Robert Gerczak—MESMERIZE: May 19, 4th race, \$891.
Cornelia S. Gibson—CHESAPEAKE SPRING: May 30, 2nd race, \$3,933.
Jean W. Harris—CROOKIT: May 12, 3rd race, \$1,386. FULL QUEST: May 12, 1st race, \$2,520. SCHLOSSER: May 26, 4th race, \$1,197. SEBRAY: May 19, 3rd race, \$2,565. (\$7,668)
Michael J. Harrison DVM—JUST JACK: May 30, 8th race, \$5,985.
Nancy B. Heil—TIZADOOZI: May 15, 3rd race, \$2,520.
Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Holt and Theodore Montouri—TOUGH TEDDY: May 28, 8th race, \$2,079.
Michael and Debbie Horning—IF I WAS A BOY: May 15, 8th race, \$2,646.
R. Larry Johnson—SHE SPOKE FRENCH: May 6, 1st race, \$1,320.
Carol A. Kaye—PHLASH PHELPS: May 20, 12th race, \$9,405. SEE WHAT HAPPENS: May 1, 9th race, \$1,485. TEMPT ME TWICE: May 1, 6th race, \$6,840. (\$17,730)
Carol A. Kaye and Robert Gerczak—PEPPER-MINT PRINCE: May 14, 9th race, \$945; May 29, 1st race, \$495. (\$1,440)
Gordon Keys—FLINT HILL: May 27, 5th race, \$3,078.
Alan S. Kline Revocable Trust—ARROGANT OFFICER: May 13, 1st race, \$1,323.
Edward Krishack—SALLY POLLOCK HIGH: May 13, 5th race, \$3,762.
K.T. Leatherbury Assoc. Inc.—BEN'S CAT: May 1, 4th race, \$8,892; May 20, 8th race, \$18,000. (\$26,892)
Fred T. Lewis DVM—KATIE'S CADDIE: May 8, 4th race, \$726.
Little Man Farm—OUTFIELDER: May 1, 10th race, \$1,134; May 19, 7th race, \$1,134. (\$2,268)

Mr. and Mrs. Donald P. Litz Jr.—SULTRY EN-COUNTER: May 12, 9th race, \$726; May 29, 4th race, \$3,762. (\$4,488)
Lucas Racing Inc.—DEVONSON: May 19, 7th race, \$3,078.
Robert T. Manfuso—DAILY NEWS: May 14, 8th race, \$1,764. D K'S BRIGANTIA: May 13, 7th race, \$924. (\$2,688)
Marathon Farms Inc.—TRU GREEK: May 27, 9th race, \$3,933.
J.W.Y. Martin Jr.—JOSEPH: May 26, 3rd race, \$2,520.
Estate of Gretchen B. Mobberley—PAULINE'S PRIDE: May 1, 3rd race, \$4,788.
Angie Moore—ITSALLABOUTHEBENS: May 19, 3rd race, \$495.
Audrey Murray—LOUIS THE GREAT: May 19, 3rd race, \$945. SIPPY CUP: May 30, 4th race, \$1,701. (\$2,646)
William Niarakis and Stephen Sinatra—SENROR QUICKIE: May 27, 7th race, \$1,071.
Northview Stallion Station Inc.—LOVELY NOTION: May 7, 12th race, \$1,386. WOLFTRAP: May 15, 7th race, \$1,764. (\$3,150)
Dr. and Mrs. A. Leonard Pineau—T SIZZLE: May 7, 9th race, \$1,056.
Mary Anne Ridgely and Melissa Covolessky—MAGLIAM'S BULLET: May 26, 5th race, \$1,386. FLAMING HUMOR: May 14, 6th race, \$1,701; May 29, 9th race, \$891. (\$2,592)
Rob Ry Farm and Jane M. Sylsz—NOT FOR FUN: May 7, 2nd race, \$1,008.
Carolyn H. Rogers Estate—LOVABLE LADY: May 7, 10th race, \$528; May 27, 3rd race, \$495. (\$2,574)
Sagamore Farm LLC—BRUTE FORCE: May 21, 14th race, \$8,550. GOING TO MARKET: May 15, 9th race, \$594. (\$9,144)
Dr. Elizabeth Schultz and Jean B. Morris—SLID-ING LADY: May 7, 10th race, \$2,736.
Sycamore Hall Thoroughbreds LLC—FLY GIRL: May 29, 8th race, \$1,551. SOLID SILVER: May 21, 5th race, \$3,000. (\$8,985)
Thoroughbred Horse Breeders LLC—OPEN PETITION: May 19, 7th race, \$594.
Joe M. Thomson—WORTHY LION: May 6, 5th race, \$1,575.
Thornmar Farm LLC—SALSALITO: May 7, 1st race, \$1,071. WORTH HIS SALT: May 28, 1st race, \$2,520. (\$3,591)
Thornmar Farm and Colleen Torsney—JUST-LOOKATMENOW: May 29, 8th race, \$2,205.
Two Legends Farm—YER WAN: May 13, 5th race, \$1,386.
David H. Wade—COWGIRL CREED: May 29, 8th race, \$1,155.
Linda M. Walls—FAZE THE NATION: May 27, 1st race, \$1,320.

Stallion bonuses

BULLSBAY (Chesapeake Spring: May 30, 2nd race, \$1,311. Tizadoozi: May 15, 3rd race, \$840): Bullsbay Syndicate—\$2,151.
CAL NATION (Faze the Nation: May 27, 1st race, \$440): Cal Nation Syndicate.

DANCE WITH RAVENS (Pauline's Pride: May 1, 3rd race, \$1,596. Salsalito: May 7, 1st race, \$357. Solid Silver: May 7, 10th race, \$176; May 27, 3rd race, \$165): Dance With Ravens Syndicate—\$2,294.
DEPUTY STORM (Jrock: May 19, 8th race, \$1,710): Deputy Storm Syndicate.
FRIESAN FIRE (Belle Alessandra: May 27, 3rd race, \$315. Flaming Humor: May 14, 6th race, \$567; May 29, 9th race, \$297. Maggie Wag: May 8, 7th race, \$336. Oyster Soup: May 6, 3rd race, \$363): Friesan Fire Syndicate—\$1,878.
GO FOR GIN (Bete Noir: May 28, 7th race, \$56. Moral High Ground: May 27, 2nd race, \$378): Bonita Farm and Joe Cornacchia—\$945.
GREAT NOTION (Have Hope: May 1, 2nd race, \$1,539. It's a Bang: May 29, 7th race, \$357. Just Jack: May 30, 8th race, \$1,995. Lovely Notion: May 7, 12th race, \$462. Phlash Phelps: May 20, 12th race, \$3,135): Great Notion Syndicate—\$7,488.
GREEK SUN (Tru Greek: May 27, 9th race, \$1,311): Marathon Farm.
LION HEARTED (Flame of My Heart: May 30, 4th race, \$297. Joseph: May 26, 3rd race, \$840. Katie's Caddie: May 8, 4th race, \$242. Shouk: May 26, 6th race, \$315. Stormy Mama: May 8, 1st race, \$187. Worthy Lion: May 6, 5th race, \$525): Lion Hearted Syndicate—\$2,406.
LOUIS QUATORZE (Crookit: May 12, 3rd race, \$462. Louis the Great: May 19, 3rd race, \$315. Schlosser: May 26, 4th race, \$399): Louis Quatorze Syndicate—\$1,176.
MOJAVE MOON (Hideaway Moon: May 29, 5th race, \$855): Mojave Moon Syndicate.
NOT FOR LOVE (Lovable Lady: May 13, 8th race, \$517): Not For Love Syndicate.
ORATORY (Nour layout: May 20, 4th race, \$572): Country Life Farm and Darley.
OUTFLANKER (Itsallaboutthebens: May 19, 3rd race, \$165. Outfielder: May 1, 10th race, \$378; May 19, 7th race, \$378. Q's Jack: May 8, 10th race, \$315. Sultry Encounter: May 12, 9th race, \$242. Sultry Encounter: May 29, 4th race, \$1,254): Outflanker Syndicate—\$2,732.
PARKER'S STORM CAT (Ben's Cat: May 1, 4th race, \$2,964; May 20, 8th race, \$6,000): Country Life Farm and B. Wayne Hughes—\$8,964.
ROCK SLIDE (Dumpster Diva: May 7, 10th race, \$336; May 27, 3rd race, \$855. Sliding Lady: May 7, 10th race, \$912): Shamrock Farms—\$2,103.
SCIPION (Miss Edmund: May 6, 2nd race, \$315. Senor Quickie: May 27, 7th race, \$357. Sippy Cup: May 30, 4th race, \$567): Scipion Syndicate—\$1,239.
STREET MAGICIAN (Magician's Bullet: May 26, 5th race, \$462. Next Street: May 27, 1st race, \$840. She Spoke French: May 6, 1st race, \$440. Wolftrap: May 15, 7th race, \$588): R. Larry Johnson—\$2,330.
TWO PUNCH (Jackson P: May 12, 6th race, \$483. Minor Legend: May 13, 2nd race, \$1,026. Skip the Punch: May 28, 6th race, \$165. Two Punch Too: May 12, 2nd race, \$1,026): Two Punch Syndicate—\$2,700.



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Maryland's leading sires

Supplied by The Jockey Club Information Services, these statistics compiled on August 2 are for stallions who currently stand or completed their career in Maryland. Lifetime earnings for stallions with at least one starter in 2016. † denotes freshman sire.

Earnings in 2016

	Strs	Starts	Wnrs	Wins	Earnings
Not For Love	87	381	37	55	\$1,436,846
Great Notion	49	208	27	36	1,026,193
Lion Hearted	73	360	26	36	1,005,309
Friesan Fire	51	225	22	25	1,002,347
Orientate	77	332	29	56	844,363
Petionville	58	258	17	23	607,804
Louis Quatorze	48	236	19	22	540,596
Street Magician	37	147	13	16	505,748
Outflanker	35	146	16	22	499,438
Scipion	35	202	14	23	454,468
Rock Slide	29	153	10	16	436,199
Two Punch	19	112	9	12	239,062
Cherokee's Boy	23	104	8	12	219,119
Showing Up	24	100	10	11	177,215
Go for Gin	8	46	2	2	105,253

2-year-old earnings in 2016

	Strs	Starts	Wnrs	Wins	Earnings
Orientate	4	7	3	3	\$73,210
Great Notion	3	6	1	1	69,440
†Cal Nation	4	9	1	1	46,952
Not For Love	2	3	0	0	28,640
Street Magician	4	9	0	0	27,540
†Redeemed	2	5	0	0	11,389
Friesan Fire	4	6	0	0	11,100

Earnings lifetime

	Strs	Starts	Wnrs	Wins	Earnings
Not For Love	793	17,320	633	2,602	\$72,669,590
Two Punch	938	18,112	732	2,661	54,828,544
Orientate	615	12,221	480	1,809	42,925,293
Petionville	616	13,146	482	1,801	41,999,614
Louis Quatorze	759	14,209	564	1,883	35,865,372
Polish Numbers	442	9,352	365	1,370	33,375,908
Lion Hearted	489	8,878	373	1,224	27,792,491
Outflanker	409	8,750	308	1,258	27,466,359
Waquoit	484	11,418	368	1,521	26,912,540
Eastern Echo	417	8,680	292	1,129	22,694,913
Go for Gin	322	6,065	212	716	18,863,563
Great Notion	157	2,222	122	367	10,918,739
Rock Slide	202	3,321	136	365	9,623,952
Mojave Moon	153	3,076	106	337	5,908,007
Gators N Bears	124	1,803	71	219	5,687,609
Seeking Daylight	156	2,531	122	336	5,325,226

2-year-old earnings lifetime

	Strs	Starts	Wnrs	Wins	Earnings
Not For Love	354	1,124	135	181	\$6,739,501
Two Punch	449	1,447	164	207	5,686,112
Orientate	343	1,072	131	172	4,894,582
Petionville	360	1,118	118	147	4,662,487
Polish Numbers	229	700	84	122	3,673,216
Louis Quatorze	333	1,034	103	129	3,467,116
Outflanker	216	875	91	122	3,283,413
Eastern Echo	220	814	74	101	3,059,366
Lion Hearted	218	711	80	110	3,050,991
Waquoit	204	694	59	84	2,000,531
Great Notion	57	165	23	35	1,261,652
Rock Slide	87	283	23	34	1,037,369
Go for Gin	162	528	32	39	982,754
Scipion	46	199	23	30	882,383
Mojave Moon	84	326	25	30	666,532



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A Call for a Unified Voice: The viability and vitality of the equine industry in the Garden State depends upon it

By Karyn Malinowski, Ph.D. *Director of the Equine Science Center, New Jersey Agricultural Experiment Station, Rutgers University*

In New Jersey, where the horse is the state animal, the equine industry is invaluable as a major factor for improving the quality of life for New Jersey residents by preserving open space, providing outdoor sport and recreation, building a solid foundation for youth development, and providing mental and physical therapy to adjudicated youth and handicapped persons.

The New Jersey equine industry, valued at \$4 billion, produces an economic impact of \$1.1 billion comprised of the \$278.2 million spent annually for racing-related operations, not including racetracks; \$262.4 million spent annually by non-racing operations, \$117.8 million spent annually by equine owners without operations, \$502 million spent annually by New Jersey racetracks. The industry employs approximately 13,000 persons and generates \$160 million in tax revenue, annually. Horses are found on 7,200 facilities on 176,000 acres in every county statewide. (The New Jersey Equine Industry: 2007 Economic Impact, Rutgers Equine Science Center).

Horse racing and the horse industry are essential to the well-being of New Jersey in many ways. There exists a delicate balance between the future of horse racing, the preservation of the New Jersey equine industry and the importance of the equine industry to traditional agricultural, open space and quality of life for the residents of the state.

Why should non-racing equine interests care about racing's future?

Racing is not the only equine discipline that will lose if New Jersey racing does not receive the "shot in the arm" it so desperately needs, by expanding casino gaming outside of Atlantic City.

The future of young people who would like to make a living in the horse industry in New Jersey is in jeopardy. Why stay?

The New Jersey Equine Advisory Board's (EAB) annual budget to support the Horse Park of New Jersey and the sport and recreation segments of the horse industry, predominantly, including 4-H Youth Development programs is correlated to a percentage of the pari-mutuel handle from racing. The EAB annual budget which was \$498,000 in 1990 declined to a new low of \$162,500 in 2015. This budget will disappear if racing is not saved in New Jersey.

The "top shelf" level of services New Jersey horse enthusiasts have come to expect such as equine veterinary clinics and feed and supply stores are at risk, because, while they are frequented and supported by sport horse competition and recreational users, a predominant economic flow to these entities is from the racing industry.



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The entire infrastructure supporting ALL segments of the horse industry is in jeopardy.

The racing industry was there to support the development of the Horse Park of New Jersey, which exists primarily for non-racing interests. It is time for the entire industry to rally around once and for all to let the public and the legislature know that the future of horse racing in New Jersey will impact

horse owners of every breed and discipline; as it will open space, traditional agricultural production and quality of life.

Use the tool kit (Economic Impact Report and the accompanying DVD; available at esc.rutgers.edu) provided by the Rutgers Equine Science Center to tell the story of the importance of the New Jersey Equine Industry to legislators and policy decision makers.

YOU can make a difference.

Green Gratto wins Hockessin Stakes at Delaware Park



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A week after he tired to finish fifth in the Belmont Sprint Championship Stakes-G3, Green Gratto turned in a gutsy performance to outbattle Big Guy Ian in the \$50,000 Hockessin Stakes.

Green Gratto prompted the early pace inside Big Guy Ian through fractions of :22.16 and :44.95 before inching away in the stretch to win the 6-furlong race by three-quarters of a length. He was timed in 1:10.82.

Trainer Gaston Grant supplemented Green Gratto to the Hockessin on entry day.

"He was acting like he wasn't tired," Grant said. "He's a durable horse. This is his 45th start. It's all the animal. It's not me."

Green Gratto, ridden by Jose Ortiz, paid \$5 as the favorite in the six-horse field.

Bred in New Jersey by Kaz Hill Farm, Green Gratto has career earnings of \$733,038.

Rainbow Heir returns to the winner's circle in Wolf Hill Stakes



New Farm homebred Rainbow Heir began his 6-year-old season looking as good as ever, winning the off-the-turf Wolf Hill Stakes July 10 at Monmouth Park by 7¾ lengths.

Unraced since a last-place finish Dec. 26 at Laurel Park, Rainbow Heir moved up to take a clear early lead in the 5½-furlong Wolf Hill under jockey Antonio Gallardo. The son



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of Wildcat Heir out of the Prospectors Gamble mare Rainbow Pride increased his advantage on the far turn while in hand, and then continued to move away from the field in the stretch with Gallardo sitting still for much of the final furlong.

"He went very fast but he did it like a gallop," Gallardo said. "I never asked for anything."

After the race, trainer Jason Servis said he had been looking forward to running Rainbow Heir on turf, "but a win is a win." If Rainbow Heir had done well on turf, Servis said he

had been considering the Grade 3 Turf Monster at Parx and the Breeders' Cup Turf Sprint-G1 at Santa Anita as possible upcoming races.

The 2014 New Jersey-bred Horse of the Year won for the ninth time in 20 starts and earned \$47,880 including an additional \$13,680 as a 40% bonus for any New Jersey-bred horse that finishes first through third in any open company race run at Monmouth Park. Rainbow Heir has career earnings of \$436,590.

Holly Crest Farms, John Mazza celebrate golden anniversary

By Bill Finley

When famed New Jersey trainer Joe Kulina retired in the mid-'60s, owner Vinnie Annarella decided to give his young assistant John Mazza a shot. It didn't seem like the job could possibly amount to much. Mazza recalls that Annarella had just two horses at the time and there's not a trainer alive who is happy with a two-horse stable.

How long could this relationship possibly last? The answer is 50 years.

They're the longest running show in New Jersey racing. Mazza and Annarella, who operates Holly Crest Farm, which is located in Locust, N.J., have weathered every storm – not that there have been many.

"We get along great," said Mazza, who, like Annarella is 79. "Sometimes he wants to do things differently and that's OK with me. We're friends. I'm honest with him and he's honest with me and that means a lot. I respect Vinnie and he respects me and my ability to train and do things right by his outfit and his horses. That's why we've lasted so long. We're honest with each other."

"Why have we been together so long? I guess its just loyalty," Annarella said. "He's not doing the running, the horses are. I am sure we've had time where we don't see eye to eye, but we are able to discuss things and keep them from turning into a bitter situation."

Annarella owns Shore Point Distributing Company, which is located in Freehold. He is a beer distributor for eight counties and his products include Sam Adams, Corona, Coors, Yuengling and a number of craft beers. The company was founded in 1933 by his father.

When Mazza, who began working for Kulina when he was 13 years old, took over the Holly Crest operation in 1966 Jersey racing was flourishing. There were three major tracks – Monmouth, Atlantic City and Garden State – and a season that stretched for some eight or nine months. During its heyday, Holly Crest had as many as 140 horses – at least when you include racehorses, broodmares, yearlings and weanlings. Mazza said they are now down to 41. Like everyone else in New Jersey racing, Mazza said he is hoping for the legalization of sports betting at the tracks and/or a casino. Should that shot in the arm come he can see expanding the Holly Crest operation.

Annarella always set reasonably modest goals for himself. Of course, he wanted to win the Kentucky Derby or the Haskell, but he also wanted to have a stable full of capable Jersey-bred horses that he could watch and enjoy at his own tracks.

Annarella isn't in this to make money. Rather, it's all about the enjoyment of racing and the love of the horse.

"We haven't really made a lot of money," he said. "It costs me money every year. If you want to include the farm expenses, the cost of raising the horses. . . it's not just the racetrack expenses, that's just one part of it. You have babies, you have yearlings, broodmares, foals. Someone has to pay for that. I do it because I like it."

Along the way Mazza and Holly Crest have had quite a few highlights. They won the first ever Thoroughbred race at the Meadowlands in 1977 with Play the Palace, three stakes with Capture the Gold in 1997, and three stakes with Carrots



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Only, including the 2007 Charles Hesse Jersey Breeders' Handicap. Mazza, one of the true good guys in the game, was the recipient of the 2012 Virgil "Buddy" Raines Distinguished Achievement Award.

Mazza has also had success for outside clients, winning the Grade 1 Hopeful at Saratoga with Great Navigator in 1992 and the Grade 2 Sorority in 1988 with Divine Answer.

He says Annarella is understanding about him taking on the occasional horse for other clients. Currently, the only other person Mazza will train for is Mac Nichol, a Standardbred owner who happens to be Mazza's next door neighbor when he winters in Florida. He paid \$150,000 for Madefromlucky for Nichol and later sold him for \$1 million. He also bought

Nichol an Uncle Mo colt named Sea Wizard who broke his maiden at Gulfstream. Mazza said he's turned down \$1 million for him.

"Despite how much money he could make, Mac is having too much fun with this horse to sell him," Mazza said.

In the meantime, both Mazza and Annarella hope to keep Holy Crest going for as long as possible, though Annarella says he'd like to cut back on the numbers they have. He says he's not sure if his children will keep the farm going when he passes away.

"Why do I keep doing this? I love horses – they are my passion," Mazza said. "Like everyone else, I'm always looking for a good horse."

The New Jersey-bred Racing Challenge

Here is the New Jersey-bred Racing Challenge Leaderboard through June 30.
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<i>Horse</i>	<i>Breeder</i>	<i>Owner</i>	<i>Points</i>
Bustin Out	Dianne Boyken	Joseph & Gayle Ioia	16
Banana Anna	Joe-Dan Farm	Joseph Besecker	12
Poochy	Headless Horsemen Racing Stable	Bright View Farm	11.5
Chubby Charlie	Joe-Dan Farm	Fitter Stable	11
Julia Chubouli	Joe-Dan Farm	Quiet Winter Farm	10
Hersisterisachub	Joe-Dan Farm	James Frangella	9
Rain On Fire	Law Legacy Stables LLC	Law Legacy Stables LLC	8
Postino's Idol	Law Legacy Stables LLC	Law Legacy Stables LLC	8
Diamond Play	Colonial Farms	Tbred Investment Fund	8
Irish Defence	Isabelle de Tomaso	Isabelle de Tomaso	8
Sues Stones	Dianne Boyken	Eagle View Farm	8
Upset City	Holly Crest Farm	Holly Crest Farm	8
Malala	Quiet Winter Farm	Quiet Winter Farm	6
Piney Blues	Ben Perkins Sr. & R. Aristone	Ben Perkins Sr.	6

Colts and Gelding Division

<i>Horse</i>	<i>Breeder</i>	<i>Owner</i>	<i>Points</i>
Play It Again	Greenfields Farm	Linda Simon	14.5
Don's Marsh	Patricia Generazio	Patricia Generazio	14
Little Hitman	Headless Horsemen Racing Stable	USA Thoroughbreds	12
Chublicious	Joe-Dan Farm	David Gruskos	12
Definitely Tonight	John Petrini	Jersey Shore Racing Stable	11.5
Rockaway Creek	Reeve Schley III	Reeve Schley III & Rory Huston	10.5
A Sixties Tune	Susan Leeson	Susan Leeson	9
George Cross	Bright View Farm	Final Turn Racing Stables	9
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North Carolina

THOROUGHBRED ASSOCIATION

September 2016

President's message

Dear Members,

It has been my pleasure to serve as President of the North Carolina Thoroughbred Association for the past 11 years. We implemented a new website and Facebook page, and our members' stable of horses' entries and results are posted every week. We have had 11 awards dinners and have reached out to many other charities, honoring the TIP horses at the last awards dinner. My reign is over and we have a new president whom I am sure will help us go forward with more improvements and serve all of you to the best of her ability.

Our new president is REBECCA MONTALDO. Rebecca is fairly new to us, but knows lots of people in this industry. She is a very interesting person, has Thoroughbreds, and also rescues those that need homes. She is involved with the horse paintings that have been done to help raise money for different charities within our industry, including Blue-Bloods.

Let's all give her a big welcome. I am staying on as secretary so will not completely be out of the loop. I hope all of you will welcome Rebecca and give her the support you have given me for all these years. We look forward to many more great years with new ideas, new improvements, and new members.

Thanks for all the memories and all the support. You all are in my heart, and best wishes to you and your horses.

Joanne Dew

Welcome our new member

We would love to welcome new member Hillary Robinson, a recent Nursing School graduate who has been a big horse racing fan for as long as she can remember. Barbaro really got her involved in the sport, and she has loved every aspect. She is currently involved in two racing partnerships, one with Top Hat Thoroughbreds and the other with Drawing Away Stables. She hopes to one day be sole owner and develop a racing stable, but for

now she is learning as much as she can about the game through partnerships. She tries to make it to the tracks as often as possible and this summer planned to visit Saratoga.

We are so happy to have another new member and Hillary is thrilled to be involved with our organization. We wish her all the best with her horses, and the enthusiasm she shows for the sport will be a wonderful asset for the NCTA.

Racing

STAKES HORSES

PRETTY N COOL (f., 2013, Scat Daddy—Stayclassysandiego, by Rockport Harbor) won Del Mar's C.E.R.F. Stakes July 20 at 6 furlongs. She angled in early and stalked inside, came out in upper stretch, bid outside the pacesetter to gain the lead in midstretch and inched clear under a left handed crack of the whip and steady handling. The filly was bred by Nancy Shuford.

DARING KATHY (m., 2011, Wildcat Heir—Dare to Mambo, by Kingmambo) was second at Gulfstream Park July 2 in the 26th running of the Bob Umphrey Turf Sprint Stakes going 5 furlongs. She raced just off the leader in the early stages, moved up along the outside entering the top stretch and dug in gamely to close for second, missing by a neck. She is owned by the partnership of Steve Laymon and John Eaton.

BEACH PATROL (c., 2013, Lemon Drop Kid—Bashful Bertie, by Quiet Amer-

ican) charged from last to get third at Belmont Park July 9 in the \$1,250,000 Belmont Derby International-G1 going 1¼ miles on the turf. Bred by Nancy Shuford, the colt raced out in the four path on both turns, moved up in the stretch, and showed good courage to garner \$125,000 of the purse.

WINNERS

DOTHAT DANCE (Louis Quatorze—Guess the Dance, by Austin Powers; breeder Jim Chandley) scored a turf allowance at Pimlico going 1⅞ miles June 25. The 3-year-old gelding angled out four wide between rivals, straightened to rally under left handed urging, took command a sixteenth from home, wandered outwardly, corrected and held firm for the win. In his next start, July 16 at Laurel, he was second in an allowance race at 1⅞ miles on the turf.

ALLEGHENY JACK (Reparations—Allegheny Red, by Roanoke; breeder Clint

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Lowry) won a 7-furlong claiming race at Charles Town June 24. The 8-year-old gelding saved ground, made his bid approaching the $\frac{7}{16}$ -pole, took the lead at the three-eighths, was clear through the far turn and held on under steady pressure. He followed with a second-place finish under the same conditions at Charles Town July 7.

WILD GERANIUMS (Dixie's Wild Again—Germann Colonies, by Allen's Prospect; North Carolina-bred; breeder Tom Hendrickson; sire owned by Hendrickson) took a Charles Town maiden claimer at $4\frac{1}{2}$ furlongs June 22 in first start of the year. The 5-year-old mare surged clear while angling in to rate the pace, was pressured on the turn, but held well to win by $6\frac{1}{4}$ lengths.

THIS BOY'S SHARP (Sharp Humor—Shessuchastandout, by Afleet Alex; bred and owned by Kenan Rand) was a 1-length winner at Delaware Park June 22 in allowance company at 6 furlongs. The 4-year-old gelding was forwardly placed, ran past the leader at the furlong pole and began edging away after a long drive.

SPECIAL OF COURSE (Awesome of Course—Frisky Cheerleader, by Roar; bred and owned by Elizabeth Muirhead) broke her maiden at Delaware Park June 29 at a distance of about 5 furlongs on the turf. The 3-year-old filly quickly went to the front and showed the way, drew clear in the stretch under a brisk hand ride and was clearly the best of the field when winning by 5 lengths.

TRIBAL HEAT (Bring the Heat—Indiancreek Maggie, by Roanoke; bred and owned by Clinton Lowry) got her second allowance win of the year at 7 furlongs at Charles Town July 2. The 3-year-old filly drew clear to lead on the turn, rated kindly and drew off from the field—down the stretch she was 5 lengths ahead of nearest runner, and geared down to win by 3.

QUEEN KITTEN (The Deputy-Ire—Scottish Kitten, by Kitten's Joy; owned by Fred Griffith and Ralph Moore) was a maiden special weight winner at Hazel Park June 24 going 4 furlongs. The 3-year-old filly ran unhurried, was set down at the top of the lane and caught the leader late in the stretch to prevail by 2 lengths at the wire.

DOUBLE THE CHEERS (Concerto—Frisky Cheerleader, by Roar; bred by Elizabeth Muirhead) won for the fourth time in his career when taking a $6\frac{1}{2}$ -furlong claiming race at Parx Racing July 16. The 4-year-old gelding vied between rivals, dropped back briefly in midstretch, then gamely came back late to prevail at the wire.

SECOND PLACE

FITZFARRIS—allowance, 6 furlongs, Pimlico, June 24. Rank leaving the starting gate, eased outside in upper stretch and rallied. Bred by Nancy Shuford.

FLASH McCaul—allowance, 1 mile 70 yards, Delaware Park, June 29. The 3-year-old gelding was unhurried early and hit the inside rail on the far turn while launching a rally then, after a long drive, closed on the winner along the inside. Owned in a partnership that includes James Jones.

RELIABLY ROYAL—claiming, $1\frac{1}{16}$ miles, Woodbine, July 1. The 4-year-old filly saved ground on the first turn, moved between horses down the backstretch, was three wide on the far turn, rallied late up for place. Owned by Bill Thompson in partnership.

QUALITY COUNTS—maiden claiming, $1\frac{1}{16}$ miles, turf, Parx Racing, July 4. Saved ground while never far back, split rivals when moving, rallied inside winner through the stretch, took the lead in deep stretch but was outfinished. Owned by Denise Walsh.

ALLEGHENY OFCOURSE—claiming, $6\frac{1}{2}$ furlongs, Charles Town, July 8. The 3-year-old gelding ran close inside the

opening turn, went four wide, took the lead midway on the far turn, dueled midstretch and was caught at the wire. Owned by Clinton Lowry.

WINSOME GOLD—maiden claiming, $1\frac{1}{16}$ miles, Charles Town, July 8. The 3-year-old gelding settled off the pace, gained steadily through the backstretch, bid at the three-eighths pole, ran wide and dueled down the lane for second best. Owned by Clinton Lowery.

MARYLAND BIRD—maiden claiming, $1\frac{1}{16}$ miles, turf, Laurel Park, July 9. Making her second start, the 3-year-old filly raced two wide into the first turn, circled the far turn three deep and rallied in the lane. Owned by James Jones in a Country Life Farm partnership.

STEPSUN—allowance, 1 mile, Albuquerque, July 9. The 4-year-old gelding raced unhurried after the break, circled wide midway into the second turn and closed in the stretch. Two weeks earlier he was third going 7 furlongs over the same track. Bred by Elizabeth Houck.

MICHAEL'S TRIBUTE—claiming, 6 furlongs, Penn National, July 13. The 5-year-old mare opened a short lead soon after the break, stayed out from the inside while making the pace into the turn then couldn't stay with the winner in the lane and drifted late. Bred by Jim Chandley.

THIRD PLACE

RYDELL—maiden claiming, 6 furlongs, Parx Racing, July 11. The 3-year-old gelding broke sharp between rivals, angled widest into stretch. Bred by Michael Stone.

SHEA D GIRL—claiming, $5\frac{1}{2}$ furlongs, Monmouth Park, July 16. The 3-year-old filly raced between rivals and rallied. Owned by Danny Shea.

ONLY I KNOW—starter allowance, 4 furlongs, Hazel Park, July 16. The 5-year-old gelding chased the pace and improved position in the stretch. Owned by Fred Griffith in partnership.

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Deanna Manfredi— From Reality TV to Reality

By Emily Shields

Even as she established a career in medical marketing research, Deanna Manfredi always knew she would ultimately buy a Thoroughbred farm. Having grown up on her parents' breeding farm, the thought of not pursuing the sport never even entered her mind.

"It was in the back of my head," Manfredi said. "I knew I would get my own horses and my own farm one day."

Fate intervened and granted her an unusual path to ownership when Manfredi was cast in a horse racing reality show, *American Dream Derby*. The Game Show Network's contest threw 12 people with varying degrees of horse knowledge together; some of the participants had never even touched a horse before. The show was shot out of Santa Anita Park in California in October and November 2004, with a live finale airing in February 2005.

Manfredi quietly waded through the show, trying her best not to make enemies while still surviving week to week. On the date of the finale she selected a horse named Avenueofknowledge, who romped home by 4 lengths to win the "American Dream Derby", a \$40,000 allowance event.

Although the advertised prize was \$250,000 and eight Thoroughbreds, Manfredi shocked producers by agreeing to take the horses. The showrunners had expected the winner to sell the horses back to the network while keeping the cash. "I had just purchased my farm and wanted the horses shipped to Pennsylvania," Manfredi recalled. "They had to pay for the shipments, and they weren't happy." One of the equine contestants that Manfredi ended up



with, Sharp as a Fox, became one of her foundation broodmares.

The fortuitous timing of the reality show fell in line with other convenient circumstances: first, the farm next to Manfredi's parents went up for sale in 2003, and in 2007, Pennsylvania passed legislation that helped breeders in the state by setting aside additional revenue from slots for Pennsylvania-breds. This series of events paved the way for Manfredi to succeed in the state breeding program. "All of the timing just fell into place," she said.

Manfredi named her new farm Ascoli Piceno Farm, after the Italian town Ascoli Piceno where her maternal grandfather and paternal grandmother were born. Sharp as a Fox won her first start for Manfredi, breaking her maiden at Pimlico by 8¾ lengths. She went on to win four more starts, finished fourth in Pimlico's Skipat Stakes, and retired to produce two winners from two foals to race. They eventually earned \$166,536.

Manfredi's best horse to date is homebred Je Suis Enchantee, a Pennsylvania-bred by Leroidesanimaux (Brz) out of the Stormy Atlantic mare Stormy Rosa. "I'd been breeding the mare locally, but thought I'd give her a shot with a Kentucky stallion," Manfredi said.

"Less than two months after she foaled, Animal Kingdom won the Kentucky Derby."

Manfredi's new foal was small, but with a genetic half-brother having just won the Derby, Manfredi's hopes were high. "Enchantee was on the small side but smart and built like a colt," she recalled. "She showed some talent, but had some problems."

Je Suis Enchantee ran fourth in her 2014 debut, then third in the \$75,000 Donna Freyer Stakes as a maiden. She won in her third start, by 3¾ lengths despite ducking in at the start. After winning an allowance prep, Je Suis Enchantee went postward in the \$100,000 Penn Oaks at Penn National.

"It was the inaugural running, and she was 28-1," Manfredi recalled. "Graham Motion and Todd Pletcher had horses in there. She took the lead and battled the whole way, but at the wire she was second by a head despite spotting the winner four pounds. It was the most exciting race I had in a long time."

After she amassed two wins, three seconds and four thirds in 21 starts for earnings of \$104,065, Je Suis Enchantee retired to live on

Manfredi's farm. She is four months in foal to Seville (Ger).

With around 30 horses currently in her name and a thriving breed-to-race program on top of her regular job as a freelance consultant in new drug launches, Manfredi has plenty on her plate but chooses not to stop there. She is also a Pennsylvania Horse Breeders Association board member and is a champion for making minor changes to the breeder awards program.

"One side effect to all this purse and bonus money is claiming," she said. "My dad raced horses in the '70s when there were no incentives and the purses were low. No one claimed those horses, and you could take your homebreds to Penn National and run them until they were 9. That's impossible now, because if I run a horse in a claiming race with that 'PA' next to their name, [the buyers] love them. What can we do for breeders such as myself with emotional connection to these horses?"

Some ideas that she has are to "allocate the bonus money differently, or give the breeder a choice to opt out. Or you can enhance the breeder incentive, which would make my horse unattractive

as a claim. I don't see the downside to that, and it's what ultimately could be done, otherwise a segment of the breeders will be lost. I'm not having as much fun as my dad had, because I'm a hobbyist. But I understand that people are sitting around making their living off these horses. I have my own job and profession, and use my excess cash to have fun with the horses."

Repossessing her homebred horses that may have been claimed to live out their days on her farm is particularly important to Manfredi. "I have nine pasture pets that I was able to get back," she said. "That's always a big challenge. What can we do to make people more responsible? Should they have to write the breeder a letter with status updates?"

One of those pasture pets is Avenueofknowledge, the American Dream Derby winner. "He's a babysitter now," she said.

While she likes thinking outside the box and presenting new ideas, Manfredi doesn't think of it as rocking the boat. "There's nothing wrong with wanting to be a catalyst for positive change," she said. "I'm not going anywhere, as I'm very happy with my Pennsylvania farm."

A few words from the Executive Secretary



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Fall is just around the corner, and with it comes the annual submission of the broodmare domicile report. The PHBA would like to remind breeders that the submission dates have changed, effective this year.

Broodmares must be in the state by Nov. 1, or within 14 days of a sale. Previously the deadline was Oct. 1. Coinciding with this change, broodmare domicile reports must be submitted to the PHBA by Nov. 15.

Forms can be found online at www.pabred.com/forms. It would be greatly appreciated if you can fill out and submit the form online. If you are unable to submit the form online, you may either print out a report and mail it in, or let us know and we'll mail a copy to you.

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Sat., May 28 Penn	\$100,000 Lyphard S , 3 & up, fillies & mares, 1 $\frac{1}{16}$ mi., turf 1st-Devilwentogeorgia, 2nd-Rock Me Again, 3rd-Devilish Love
Sat., June 4 Parx	\$100,000 Lyman S , 3 & up, 7 fur. 1st-Roxbury N Overton, 2nd-He's Got Talent, 3rd-Bump Start
	\$100,000 Foxy J. G. S , 3 & up, fillies & mares, 7 fur. 1st-Disco Chick, 2nd-Rockin Jojo, 3rd-Ignite
Sat., June 11 Penn	\$100,000 Danzig S , 3YO, 6 fur. 1st-Rolin With Olin, 2nd-Jaguar Poz, 3rd-Bird of Trey
	\$100,000 New Start S , 3YO fillies, 6 fur. 1st-Behrnik's Bank, 2nd-Authoritative, 3rd-Its a Journey
Sun., July 10, PID	\$100,000 Leematt S , 3 & up, 1 mi. 1st-Dynamic Strike, 2nd-Granny's Kitten, 3rd-Grand Old Game
	\$100,000 Northern Fling S , 3 & up, fillies & mares, 1 mi. 1st-Bound, 2nd-R Frosty One, 3rd-Valued Strike
Sat., July 23, Parx	\$100,000 Crowd Pleaser S , 3YO, 1 $\frac{1}{16}$ mi., turf 1st-Saratoga Jack, 2nd-Wychmere, 3rd-Smartly Mr D
	\$100,000 Power by Far S , 3 & up, fillies & mares, 5 fur., turf 1st-Fat Kat, 2nd-Royal Renege, 3rd-Persnickity
Sat., Aug. 6, Penn	\$100,000 Robellino S , 3 & up, 1 $\frac{1}{16}$ mi., turf 1st-Edge of Reality, 2nd-Raging Market, 3rd-Granny's Kitten
Sun., Aug. 7, PID	\$100,000 Malvern Rose S , 3YO fillies, 1 mi. 1st-Lucabunny, 2nd-Hey Monba, 3rd-War Baby
Sat., Sept. 3 Parx	\$100,000 Banjo Picker Sprint S , 3 & up, 6 fur.
PA Day At Races	\$100,000 Roanoke S , 3 & up, 1 $\frac{1}{16}$ mi.
	\$100,000 Marshall Jenney H , 3 & up, 5 fur., turf
	\$100,000 Dr. Teresa Garofalo Memorial S , 3 & up, fillies & mares, 6 fur.
	\$100,000 Mrs. Penny S , 3 & up, fillies & mares, 1 $\frac{1}{16}$ mi., turf
	\$100,000 Mark McDermott S , 2YO, 6 fur.
Sun., Sept. 4, PID	
Sun., Sept. 18, PID	\$100,000 Mrs. Henry D. Paxson Memorial S , 2YO fillies, 6 fur.
Sat., Sept. 24, Parx	\$100,000 Alphabet Soup H , 3 & up, 1 $\frac{1}{16}$ mi., turf
Sat., Oct. 8 Parx	\$100,000 Plum Pretty S , 3 & up, fillies & mares, 1 $\frac{1}{16}$ mi.
Wed., Nov. 23, Penn	\$100,000 Blue Mountain Juvenile Fillies S , 2YO fillies, 6 fur.
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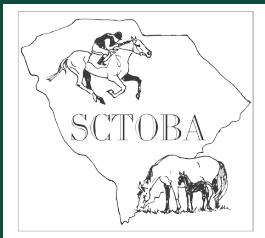
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OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER

SEPTEMBER 2016

Racing Across the Nation

Along with many maiden special weight and allowance winners between June 21 and July 20, South Carolina training center graduates accounted for nine stakes wins.

Veteran Two Notch Road put in a strong run through the stretch to win the White Oak Farm Stakes by a neck June 25 at Pimlico. The 9-year-old gelding, who winters in Aiken, has 31 career starts for trainer Glenn Thompson and earnings over \$400,000.

On the same program, Rose Brier, a graduate of Goree Smith's Elloree Training Center program, garnered his 13th career victory in winning the Edward P. Evans Stakes. He has finished in the top three in 28 of 34 career starts.

Across the country the same day, at the Oak Tree at Pleasanton meet, Bronze Star went wire-to-wire capturing the Oak Tree Handicap. He came up under Webb Carroll and Travis Durr's program at the Webb Carroll Training Center in St. Matthews.

Love That Jazz made it two wins in a row also going wire-to-wire in the Ontario County Stakes for 3-year-olds at Finger Lakes June 27. He spent the winter of his yearling/2-year-old year in St. Matthews.

Spelling Again earned a "Win and You're In" ticket to the Breeders' Cup Filly & Mare Sprint at Santa Anita this November by taking the Princess Rooney Stakes-G2 at Gulfstream Park July 2. Spelling Again, representing the Carroll/Durr program, was fourth early, took the lead in the stretch, then dug in gamely to win by a neck going 7 furlongs.

The next day 4-year-old Passion for Action notched his fourth stakes win when capturing the Highlander Stakes-G2 at Woodbine. Passion for Action also learned his early lessons in St. Matthews.

One Mean Man, who came up under the Elloree Training Center program, rallied from ninth to win the American Derby-G3 at Arlington Park July 9. This race annually attracts many of the best 3-year-old turf runners across the nation.

The weekend of July 16 and 17 continued a fabulous month for the Webb Carroll training program as 2-year-old Runaway Lute remained undefeated

winning the Rockville Centre Stakes at Belmont Park by nearly 9 lengths. The following day, 2-year-old filly Miss Freeze made her first start and won Belmont Park's Lynbrook Stakes easily, galloping home 6¼ lengths on top.

The weather is hot in South Carolina and our graduates continue to scorch paths to the winner's circle.

2016 South Carolina Residency Races

We have had a tremendous response to the South Carolina Residency races, to be held at Parx Racing Nov. 12.

Last year's winners have been adding to their laurels. Eighth Wonder, winner of the \$75,000 Donna Freyer Stakes, won her first five career starts, including three stakes. For owner/breeder Gryphon Investments LLC, she has earned \$245,125. Eighth Wonder stays with Donna Freyer when in South Carolina and is trained at Parx by Dee Curry.

Big Louie D, winner of the Christopher Elser Memorial Stakes, has accumulated career earnings of \$106,880 for Alexandria Stable and trainer John Servis.

Both Eighth Wonder and Big Louie D spent their yearling seasons in South Carolina with Dean Keller.

NOTE: Due to the plethora of maiden special weight, allowance and stakes winners between June 21 and July 20, there is not enough space to recognize all of the horses. We will do our best to cover them in next month's edition.



Eighth Wonder winning the 2015 Donna Freyer Stakes.



Big Louie D captured the 2015 Christopher Elser Memorial Stakes.

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Horse	Training Center	Date	Track	Type of Race
MISS FREEZE	Webb Carroll Training Center	7/17/16	Belmont Park	Lynbrook S
March Wind	Aiken - Bob Romine	7/16/16	Charles Town	Allowance
RUNAWAY LUTE	Webb Carroll Training Center	7/16/16	Belmont Park	Rockville Centre S
ONE MEAN MAN	Elloree Training Center	7/9/16	Arlington Park	American Derby-G3
Avery Glenn	Elloree Training Center	7/6/16	Indiana Grand	Allowance
Express Run	Elloree Training Center	7/6/16	Indiana Grand	Allowance
Navy Ribbon	Shuler Stables	7/6/16	Mountaineer	Allowance
Duval	Kirkwood Stables	7/5/16	Parx Racing	Allowance
Jaguar Poz	Rentz Farm	7/5/16	Presque Isle Downs	Allowance
All Fired Up	Aiken - Cary Frommer	7/4/16	Laurel Park	Maiden special weight
Go Daddy Girl	Elloree Training Center	7/4/16	Delaware Park	Starter allowance
Someday Soon	Webb Carroll Training Center	7/4/16	Belterra Park	Maiden special weight
Bel Air Bullet	Webb Carroll Training Center	7/3/16	Ellis Park	Starter allowance
Come to Mischief	Webb Carroll Training Center	7/3/16	Presque Isle Downs	Allowance
Easy to Say	Shuler Stables	7/3/16	Monmouth Park	Allowance
PASSION FOR ACTION	Webb Carroll Training Center	7/3/16	Woodbine	Highlander S-G2
Sonic Cyster	Webb Carroll Training Center	7/3/16	Woodbine	Maiden special weight
Cavity	McCutchen Farm	7/2/16	Monmouth Park	Maiden special weight
Majestic Woody	Webb Carroll Training Center	7/2/16	Parx Racing	Maiden special weight
Moon Virginia	Elloree Training Center	7/2/16	Laurel Park	Allowance
SPELLING AGAIN	Webb Carroll Training Center	7/2/16	Gulfstream Park	Princess Rooney S-G2
Tarpy's Zapper	Elloree Training Center	7/2/16	Churchill Downs	Maiden special weight
Tribal Heat	Rentz Farm	7/2/16	Charles Town	Allowance
True Concern	Rentz Farm	7/2/16	Mountaineer	Allowance
T Rex Express	Shuler Stable	7/1/16	Charles Town	Allowance
Political Animal	Custom Care - Donna Freyer	6/30/16	Presque Isle Downs	Maiden special weight
Trick City	Elloree Training Center	6/30/16	Canterbury Park	Allowance
Unbridled Lion	Elloree Training Center	6/30/16	Delaware Park	Allowance
C V's Monster Man	McCutchen Training Center	6/29/16	Mountaineer	Maiden special weight
Haitian Haven	Rentz Farm	6/29/16	Penn National	Maiden special weight
Construe	Aiken - Darley	6/28/16	Presque Isle Downs	Maiden special weight
LOVE THAT JAZZ	Webb Carroll Training Center	6/27/16	Finger Lakes	Ontario County S
Proper Discretion	Webb Carroll Training Center	6/27/16	Thistledown	Allowance
Tequila Hero	Webb Carroll Training Center	6/27/16	Finger Lakes	Starter allowance
Total Futbol	Custom Care - Donna Freyer	6/27/16	Presque Isle Downs	Allowance
Defondo	Kirkwood Stables	6/26/16	Woodbine	Allowance
Lobelia	Webb Carroll Training Center	6/26/16	Gulfstream Park	Starter allowance
Mister Nofty	Webb Carroll Training Center	6/26/16	Parx Racing	Allowance
Popstar	Aiken - Darley	6/26/16	Belterra Park	Maiden special weight
Tiz A Chance	Webb Carroll Training Center	6/26/16	Belmont Park	Allowance
BRONZE STAR	Webb Carroll Training Center	6/25/16	Oak Tree at Pleasanton	Oak Tree H
Grassady	Webb Carroll Training Center	6/25/16	Belmont Park	Maiden special weight
One Mean Man	Elloree Training Center	6/25/16	Churchill Downs	Allowance
Persnickity	Elloree Training Center	6/25/16	Parx Racing	Allowance
ROSE BRIER	Elloree Training Center	6/25/16	Pimlico	Edward P. Evans S
TWO NOTCH ROAD	Aiken - Glenn Thompson	6/25/16	Pimlico	White Oak Farm S
Black Mission Fig	Aiken - Cary Frommer	6/24/16	Penn National	Allowance
Clairnation	Elloree Training Center	6/24/16	Churchill Downs	Allowance
Dattt Melody	Elloree Training Center	6/24/16	Pimlico	Starter allowance
Sweet Brew	Aiken - Cary Frommer	6/24/16	Woodbine	Starter allowance
Desi Dublin	Webb Carroll Training Center	6/23/16	Pimlico	Maiden special weight
Robillard	Aiken - Darley	6/23/16	Belmont Park	Allowance
Sweetest Yet	Webb Carroll Training Center	6/23/16	Penn National	Allowance
Just too Much	Webb Carroll Training Center	6/22/16	Presque Isle Downs	Allowance
Smart Spree	Webb Carroll Training Center	6/22/16	Woodbine	Allowance



VIRGINIA

19 Virginia-Bred Owners Score A July Bonus Courtesy Of New VTA/HBPA Incentive Program

Over \$77,000 in bonus monies were awarded to 19 owners of Virginia-bred or sired horses that won an overnight race in the month of July at pari-mutuel tracks in the Mid-Atlantic region. The new incentive program, sponsored by the Virginia HBPA and VTA, began July 1st and rewards owners a 25% bonus on top of purse winnings for victories in Pennsylvania, Maryland, West Virginia, Delaware, New York and New Jersey.

The largest single award in the first month was \$10,000 and went to the ownership group of highly regarded Sticksstatelydude, who won honors as top Virginia-Bred 2 Year Old Colt in 2015. He captured his second career victory July 15th in a \$77,000 allowance race at Belmont. The First Dude colt, who stumbled at the start but recovered quickly enough to still go gate to wire, won the mile race by 3 3/4 lengths in 1:34.04. Trained by Kiaran McLaughlin and ridden by Joel Rosario, Sticksstatelydude has now earned \$138,400 from just five starts. Out of the Gilded Time mare, Placerita, he was bred by Canyon Lake Thoroughbreds.

Virginia-sired Code Red, earned a \$9,000 bonus for owner/breeder Chester Broman & Mary Broman by winning a \$60,000 maiden special weight race at Belmont July 8th in her first lifetime outing. The 2 year old filly was foaled in New York and is by Friend Or Foe out of Dash Dot Dash by Put It Back. She trailed by six lengths through 3/8ths, moved to within a length at the top of the stretch, angled five wide in the lane and won by 2 3/4 lengths in 1:05.90. Code Red paid \$36.60 for the upset score over eight other two year olds.



Sticksstatelydude earned the biggest bonus in July thanks to an allowance win at Belmont July 15th. Photo by Pack Pride Racing.



Available scored a tight win at Laurel July 10th to give Suzanne Dempsey a \$5,985 bonus. Photo by Jim McCue.

Third largest July bonus of \$6,412 went to Mark Lapidus LLC's Service for Ten, who captured a \$45,000 allowance optional claiming race July 24th at Laurel with a last to first second half. The 7 year old Service Stripe gelding, bred by Mr. & Mrs. Sidney Cox, competed against six others at the six furlong distance. The upset winner was last at the half but came outside in the stretch, gained the lead with 1/16th to go and crossed four lengths ahead of Struth in 1:10.65. Out of the Wild Zone mare, Tenacious Cheryl, Service for Ten paid

\$25.60. After going more than two years without a win, he has won two straight and bankrolled \$416,645.

Available's win July 10th at Laurel gave owner, trainer and breeder Suzanne Dempsey a \$5,985 bonus. The beneficiary of a disqualification, Available finished a head behind original winner Thirteenth Avenue, but got placed first after a stewards review. The 7 year old Bop gelding ran second throughout the \$42,000 allowance sprint but was bumped in mid-stretch and moved up as a result, gaining his first win of 2016 and second career triumph. He is out of the Star Trace mare, Morelias Star, and has now earned \$123,556.

Rounding out the top five was Tough Weather who stayed hot by winning for the fourth time in her last five starts. Bred by Sam English II and trained by Scott Lake, the 5 year old daughter of Wiseman's Ferry beat four other foes in the six furlong, \$36,000 allowance optional claiming race at Delaware Park. Tough Weather went gate to wire and crossed in 1:11.32 as the heavy betting choice. The victor, out of the Montreal Red mare, Soft Weather, has 7 wins, a second and a third in ten starts this year alone, good for \$90,420 in earnings. The win gave owner Thomas Reynolds a \$5,400 bonus.

Other July Virginia-bred and sired winners who provided their owners with a bonus included Picked (\$4,050), Runningthevale (\$3,990), Rebellious Warrior (\$3,847), Lime House Louie



Service For Ten won a \$45,000 allowance optional claiming race at Laurel July 24th. Photo by Jim McCue.



Virginia-sired Code Red won a \$60,000 maiden special weight race at Belmont July 8th. Photo by Adam Coglianese

(\$3,405), Joe Tess (\$3,285), Manakin Road (\$3,135), Porte Cochere (\$3,135), Galaxy Express (\$2,760), Money Tree (\$2,220), True Cost (\$2,145), What a Wildcat (\$1,800), Hooping (\$1,650), Explore (\$913) and Ghost Is Fine (\$913).

Six of the 19 bonus earning wins came in Maryland (Laurel Park), six in Pennsylvania (3 at Penn National, 2 at Presque Isle, 1 at Parx), three in West Virginia (2 at Mountaineer, 1 at Charles Town), two in New York (Belmont) and two at Delaware Park.

Virginia Breeder's Fund Yearling Futurity Set For September 3rd

It's time to gussy up your Virginia-bred or Virginia-Sired yearlings for a chance to win big at the 15th annual \$15,000 Virginia Breeder's Fund Yearling Futurity to be held Saturday, September 3, 2016, at 9:00 a.m. at the Warrenton Horse Show Grounds.

Even if you don't have a yearling to show, come out and get pointers from the experts. Chris Baker and top Virginia horsemen will be giving a seminar on conformation and show presentation after the Futurity. Stand outside the ring for live analysis and join in the popular Judging

Contest. The VTA will award \$200 to the person that pins each class closest to the judges' choices. It's a fun morning where you can further your education.

Judge Chris Baker is a former Virginia horseman and a 30-year industry veteran with international expertise in multiple facets of the Thoroughbred business.

The 1986 University of Maryland graduate initially worked in the broodmare, stallion and racing divisions at Lane's End Farm. He then headed overseas, learning the training craft in racing jurisdictions as varied as England, Australia, and New Zealand. Repatriated to California, Chris was an assistant trainer to Hall of Famers Neil Drysdale and Richard Mandella, working with such Champions as A.P. Indy, Kotashaan, and Phone Chatter, before training on his own.

A return to farm management eventually brought Chris to Ned Evans' Spring Hill Farm in Virginia, where he served as General Manager for 11 years until that operation dispersed in 2011. During his tenure, Spring Hill produced more than 100 stakes winners and was twice honored as TOBA's National Breeders of the Year. Chris then served as

General Manager at WinStar Farm before joining Three Chimneys in December, 2013.

Anyone that would like to attend the breakfast and seminar, call Page Easter to RSVP by Thursday, September 1st at (434) 977-3716.

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THOROUGHBRED BREEDERS ASSOCIATION

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Guardians at the Gate

by Jeff Gilleas

As we trend closer to the Presidential election and the battlefield appears fixed between a conventional male candidate and potentially our first female President, I speculate that we have moved far beyond the time-honored image of a 1950s housewife. Obviously, women are individually and collectively bridging the gender gap, as they pursue maverick careers and jobs once thought only attainable by men.

Women are boldly going where no woman has gone before, as the bonds of archaic stereotypes no longer restrain their desire for equality. Anyone who regularly attends the races is aware of the starting gate, but seldom do patrons gain access to the internal fellowship of this group, survey the bruises that define this occupation or witness members of the opposite sex.

Sitting in a box seat at the track or watching on a television screen from the comfort of the dining room, few realize the day-to-day challenges of the gate crew.



Stephanie Sills (left) and Heather Jones are valued members of the Charles Town gate crew.

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At times, this job may appear effortless, almost taken for granted, until a horse you've wagered on breaks tardily or the announcer shouts, "Number two is delaying the start."

At tracks similar to Charles Town, most assistant starters work a split-shift. They provide resources and lend an extra pair of hands to aid exercise riders and jockeys during morning trials as horses receive rudimentary schooling and refined educational opportunities.

On race nights, starters call on their cognitive powers of recollection as they ascertain which runners need special care, a watchful eye or perhaps a lighter touch. Patience is the key, but when 1,000 pounds of fury is unleashed, nerves of steel are required. Horses generally are loaded one-by-one into the massive steel structure, as assistants use verbal and non-verbal communication simultaneously.

In the words of head starter Francis DiAmario, "It is like climbing into a phone booth with a grizzly bear."

Split-second reflexes are required while the safety of horse and rider is of paramount importance. The majority of racehorses are not inclined to venture into such confined conditions that exist at the gate, but subtle coaxing and cool heads generally prevail. Success is easily traced back to those men and women lending ground support.

Over the years, Charles Town has seen numerous trailblazers in the industry. Names like Sylvia Bishop (first licensed African-American female trainer in the United States) and Barbara Jo Rubin (first female to win a licensed Thoroughbred pari-mutuel race) are at the forefront.

Nowadays, it is ladies like Stephanie Sills and Heather Jones who seek to add their names to this innovative list.

Sills, 26, grew up in Vermont, rarely perceived as a popular stronghold for Thoroughbred racing, but an occasional sojourn to Saratoga as a young girl surely helped stimulate the equine attraction she nurtures today.

"I love horses and have been three-day eventing since I was 12 or 13. I was probably 5 when I initially realized horses would play a major role in my adult life.

"Watching the races at Saratoga also gave me thoughts of being a jockey, but height concerns quickly put an end to that dream."

Stephanie eventually moved within close proximity to Charles Town where she has spent the last five years as a part-time assistant starter.

"My life is quite full. During my tenure at the racetrack I have also been a 911 dispatcher for the City of Winchester and now work as a full-time police officer.

"As a member of the Vermont National Guard, I plan on taking a leave of absence soon, as my unit is scheduled to be deployed this fall; probably to the Middle East."

Stephanie expressed the pure joy of being involved with horses on a nightly basis.

"I love watching the races from one of the most unique vantage points available. The guys I work with are great and not to simplify my status; but in the end it all comes down to just leading a horse in the right direction."

Jones, 24, has only been a member of the Charles Town gate crew for one month, however the

stories she recites could furnish a ledger with inexhaustible memories.

"I was born in Havre de Grace, Md., and raised in Gerrardstown, W.Va."

Heather always had a passion for horses, but it was after her teen years that involvement intensified.

"In 2011, I enrolled in Wilson College, where I took up Accounting and Equine Management. With mounting financial responsibilities, I soon applied for a position on the Hollywood Casino website. The description for the assistant starters job was vague, however I have always wanted to work in some capacity with racehorses; so the interview process began. I met Fran (DiAmario), the guys on the gate, and after a week of soul-searching accepted the job."

Heather said the first few days were intimidating because the bulk of her new comrades had spent years working with horses in various degrees.

"Even though I am lacking their experience, I'm treated as an equal. Every day is an adrenaline rush, as you prepare for that one moment guaranteed to happen: it is not if a horse is going to act up, it is when!"

Jones just received her 30-day review, and head starter DiAmario noted in the comment section of the report that he had extreme confidence in her ability to do the job.

This article is dedicated to the memory of longtime assistant starter Dean Heck, who passed away suddenly at the age of 49. His steadfast loyalty to his job and the jockeys he faithfully served will never be forgotten. They still refer to him as their guardian angel.

NOTES TO MEMBERS

◆ **The 10-10-10 program** is now called the **Supplemental Purse Award Claim**, for which there are new forms. All claims must be submitted to the WV Racing Commission within 15 days from the date the purse is awarded. Claim forms are available on the WV Racing Commission website, www.racing.wv.gov.

◆ If you are selling or planning to sell your accredited WV-bred and/or sired

horse, please contact the WVTBA. The WVTBA has started supplying sellers of **accredited WV-bred and/or sired horses with hip stickers and stall-card stickers** to make it easier for buyers to identify these horses. Contact the WVTBA office at (304) 728-6868 or by e-mail at wvbreeders@gmail.com.

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receives the original registration form application, all required paperwork and payment.

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Fall Championship Season soars to record \$2.58-million purses

The National Steeplechase Association's Fall Championship Season kicks off later this month, and what a season it will be. The schedule of 14 race meets between September and November features record purses of \$2,580,000.

That's an increase of more than \$300,000 over record NSA purses last fall and includes a new race meet, the Tryon International Equestrian Center Races in Mill Spring, N.C. The inaugural running will be Sunday, Oct. 2, and is scheduled to offer \$150,000 in purses.

A sizable portion of the fall increase is provided by the Far Hills Race Association, which will offer \$700,000 in purses, a \$100,000 boost over last year. Highlighting the Oct. 15 event is the \$350,000 Grand National (Gr. 1), the richest race on the NSA schedule and boasting a \$50,000 increase above the 2015 record level.

The New Jersey meet also will add \$25,000 to the Gladstone for three-year-olds as well as boosting the purses of the Sport of Kings maiden hurdle and the Ratings Handicap. Far Hills' secondary feature, the Foxbrook Champion Hurdle for novices, remains at \$100,000 for its 2016 renewal.

The International Gold Cup meet in The Plains, Va., a week later on Oct. 22, will offer \$410,000 in purses and will again offer pari-mutuel wagering. The International Gold Cup will carry a \$90,000 purse, a \$15,000 increase over last year, and is the fall's richest timber race.

Also in the program is the \$75,000 David L. "Zeke" Ferguson Memorial, which receives a \$25,000 purse increase and a boost to Grade 2 status.

The Marion duPont Scott Colonial Cup on Nov. 19 closes out the season, and the Camden, S.C., meet often decides one or more championships. Last year, the Marion duPont Scott Colonial Cup



Dawalan prevailed over Eshtiaal, left, in the 2015 Grand National (Gr. 1). The richest race on the National Steeplechase Association schedule increases to \$350,000 for its 2016 running on Oct. 15.

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(Gr. 1), won by Irv Naylor's Dawalan, decided the earnings title and ultimately the Eclipse Award for 2015.

The Colonial Cup meet will increase its purses by \$60,000 this year, with most of the increase going into the Colonial Cup itself, which will offer a \$150,000 purse, up from \$100,000 in 2015.

The Fall Championship Season begins Thursday, Sept. 22, at Belmont Park for two stakes

races, the \$150,000 Lonesome Glory Handicap (Gr. 1) and the \$75,000 William Entenmann Memorial Novice Stakes. Two days later, the action shifts to Maryland for the Shawan Downs meet on Saturday, Sept. 24, and the following afternoon is the Foxfield Fall meet in Charlottesville.

The Tryon meet will feature a \$35,000 allowance hurdle and a \$30,000 Ratings Handicap for its inaugural running.



Go Jump Racing!





Champion Demonstrative is retired

Owner Jacqueline Ohrstrom and trainer Richard Valentine have decided to retire Demonstrative, whose distinguished seven-year racing career over fences yielded an Eclipse Award in 2014 and National Steeplechase Association purses exceeding \$900,000.

At his best, the tall, dark, handsome son of Elusive Quality dominated the race course and his opponents. He won a total of seven Grade 1 races, including duplicate victories in the New York Turf Writers Cup and the Calvin Houghland Iroquois.

Team Demonstrative—Mrs. Ohrstrom, Valentine, assistant trainer Laird George, and regular jockey Robbie Walsh—went to all the tough spots, and Demonstrative won Grade 1 races in four racing seasons.

Bred in Kentucky by Gainsborough Farm, he was shipped off to England, where he won on the flat for Dubai's Sheikh Hamdan bin Rashid al Maktoum. He was sold from the high-profile stable at the 2010 Tattersalls July mixed sale, where Valentine picked him out for slightly less than \$40,000 for his owner.

Immediately introduced to jump racing, Demonstrative won twice and was the champion three-year-old of 2010 despite being hampered in Far Hill's Gladstone and losing his rider. That was one of only two incidents in which he unseated his jockey. In 35 starts over fences, he had no falls.

At four, he won a novice stakes, the William Entenmann Memorial at Belmont Park and then came into his own in 2012, when he won the New York Turf Writers against a battle-hardened field.

That November in the Marion duPont Scott Colonial Cup (Gr. 1), he demonstrated his talent and competitiveness. At the last of the Colonial Cup, he was last in a quality field of 10 but charged through the stretch and won by



Demonstrative led the field over the last fence in the 2014 Grand National (Gr. 1) at Far Hills.

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a length going away.

He won his first start of 2013, his first win in the Calvin Houghland Iroquois, but the remainder of that season was compromised by an entrapped epiglottis, which was surgically repaired at the end of that year.

His 2014 season was a whirlwind of outstanding performances through the summer and fall. He was short of full fitness when he finished unplaced in the Iroquois but was at his best for the rest of the season. He was barely beaten in the A. P. Smithwick Memorial (Gr. 1) and then won in succession the New York Turf Writers, the Lonesome Glory Handicap (Gr. 1), and the Grand National (Gr. 1).

That season, which featured three wins,

a second, and a third in six starts, produced an NSA-leading total of \$362,500 in purses and the Eclipse Award as 2014's champion steeplechase horse.

His 2015 season started with promise, a second victory in the Calvin Houghland Iroquois, but his summer performances were affected by a deep-seated lung infection. He returned to form with a third in the Colonial Cup.

He retires with total NSA earnings of \$940,300, which places him third on the all-time earnings list.

"Demonstrative gave Mrs. Ohrstrom, Laird, Robbie, and me many fun days," Valentine said. "We will make sure he is well looked after in the years to come!"

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Late-blooming Open Fire

In the 20th century, 63 runners bred in the Mid-Atlantic were named national champions. Mid-Atlantic Thoroughbred takes a look at one of those luminaries.

Open Fire won the richest race for fillies and mares in the world when she captured the \$100,000 Delaware Handicap in 1966. The gray/roan mare, campaigned by her breeder, Delaware Park president Donald P. Ross, in the name of his Brandywine Stable, equaled the track record of 2:00 $\frac{2}{5}$ for 1 $\frac{1}{4}$ miles when getting her second stakes win in two weeks. At 5, she was finally fulfilling her connections' high expectations.

Open Fire was a yearling when her half-brother Greek Money captured the 1962 Preakness Stakes. The Virginia-breds were out of a mare Ross had purchased, sight unseen, in December 1956 from the Newmarket sale in England while carrying her first foal. *Lucy Lufton, a stakes-winning daughter of Epsom Derby winner Nimbus, was considered one of the top juvenile fillies in England in 1954. She was shipped to J. North Fletcher's Crestone Farm near Warrenton, Va., to start her broodmare career.



Ross stood a number of stallions, including Greek Song and Cochise, at Crestone Farm. To the cover of Greek Song, *Lucy Lufton produced Greek Money. Cochise, a good middle-distance runner by *Boswell purchased by Ross from John Hay "Jock" Whitney, sired Open Fire.

Open Fire emulated her sire, both in color and by getting better with age. Seven of Cochise's eight stakes wins came at 4 and 5. All four of Open Fire's stakes wins were at 5.

Trained by Virgil "Buddy" Raines, Open Fire had numerous nagging issues early in her career—from sore shins and ankles to bouts of tying up. She made 20

starts from 2 to 4, winning six times. In 1966, she won seven of 10, from 6 furlongs to 1 $\frac{1}{4}$ miles.

She recorded her first stakes victory in her 25th start, taking Delaware's New Castle in mid-July by 4 lengths over 1964 champion 2-year-old filly Queen Empress. After scoring by 5 lengths in the Del 'Cap next out, she headed to Saratoga and won the Diana Handicap by 10 lengths over a field that included another former champion, What a Treat. The sloppy track didn't

slow her down—she set a track record of 1:48 $\frac{2}{5}$ for 1 $\frac{1}{8}$ miles.

A championship was within reach until she turned in her worst showing of the year, an 11-length drubbing in Aqueduct's Beldame, a hard track considered the blame. Seeking redemption, she found it in Keeneland's Spinster Stakes, the final start of her career. Facing a short field that included the previous year's champion handicap mare, Old Hat, and Beldame conqueror Summer Scandal, Open Fire shot to the lead, gave way heading into the stretch and then drew gasps as she came on again. She drew off to defeat Old Hat and become Ross' one and only champion.

The Dutch "Golden Age"

The National Sporting Library and Museum in Middleburg, Va., is dedicated to preserving, sharing and promoting the literature, art and culture of horse and field sports. For more, see nslmblog.wordpress.com. The following is by Nicole Stribling, Curator of Permanent Collections.

Although the majority of works at the NSLM are by British or American artists, there are excellent examples by continental European artists. The only painting by a Dutch artist also happens to be one of the oldest paintings in the collection.

"Portrait of a Horse in a Landscape" was painted by Abraham van Calraet (Dutch, 1642–1722) around 1690. Calraet was from the city of Dordrecht, in the southwest region of The Netherlands. He lived and worked during the later half of the great Dutch "Golden Age," a time of amazing artistic production, when artists



"Portrait of a Horse in a Landscape" c. 1690, oil on panel, 18 $\frac{7}{8}$ x 23 $\frac{3}{4}$ inches. NSLM, Gift of Mrs. Henry H. Weldon, 2008

like Rembrandt, Vermeer, Frans Hals and Judith Leyster flourished.

Calraet painted still lifes, landscapes and small horse portraits, or "Pferdeporträts,"

which were increasingly popular in the late 17th century. He likely studied with another Dordrecht painter, the more well-known Aelbert Cuyp (Dutch, 1620-1691). Both artists often signed their works with their initials "A.C.," which led to some confusion. For many years—centuries, actually—works by Calraet were attributed to Cuyp. In many instances, Cuyp's signature was falsely added to the paintings. It wasn't until the early 20th century that scholars started identifying which of those works were actually by Calraet.

The dark bay horse in the NSLM painting has a broad chest, substantial build, and a kind eye. He is shown standing in a field with no tack and no humans to be seen, though he is shod and clearly well cared for. Most of the background is made up of sky and clouds. The landscape below features a small group of cows lounging near the river bank (a common scene in Dutch paintings of this time period). The modestly sized oil painting is on wood panel, rather than canvas.

Looking Back

10 years ago

■ Maryland-bred Les Arcs became a sprint star in Europe after winning back-to-back Group 1 races in England—the Golden Jubilee Stakes at Royal Ascot and the July Cup at Newmarket, both at 6 furlongs on the turf. The 6-year-old son of Arch, bred by Jim Moran's Elk Manor Farm and owned by Willie McKay, was the oldest horse since 1938 to win the July Cup, considered England's most prestigious sprint race.

■ Larry Murray, responsible for all aspects of Sondra and Howard Bender's perennially successful breeding and racing operation, was profiled in a story by Lucy Acton. "In some ways, Murray's job is a throwback to the era when vast breeding operations such as Paul Mellon's Rokeby Farm campaigned generation after generation of top-quality runners and relied on their private trainers to fine-tune the gene pool."

A list of the top-10 most distinguished runners trained by Murray, all homebreds for the Benders, included La Reine's Terms, Foufa's Warrior, Secret Odds, Green Darlin and Promenade Girl.

Promenade Girl, a Grade 2 winner of \$678,990 by Carson City, was sold by the Benders at the conclusion of her racing career. She brought \$1,125,000 at the 2007 Keeneland November sale as a broodmare prospect. Among



Larry Murray with Promenade Girl, one of the rising stars of the Bender stable in 2006.

her offspring is two-time Grade 1-winning millionaire Cavorting.

■ "Even Tom Voss can't explain it," wrote Joe Clancy. "His horses just run better at Saratoga." The Maryland-based steeplechase trainer was asked his thoughts: "What do you mean 'Why do they win at Saratoga?' How should I know?" After winning 31 percent of the steeplechase races at Saratoga the previous three years, he took the first race of the 2006 meet.

■ Among the graded stakes winners at Monmouth Park were two making their first starts since the previous fall's Breeders' Cup: Salvator Mile-G3 winner Flower Alley, who contested the Breeders' Cup Classic-G1, and Jersey Shore

Breeders' Cup Stakes-G3 winner Henny Hughes, second in Juvenile.

The Grade 1 United Nations went to English Channel, campaigned by Rumson, N.J., resident James Scatuorchio. It was the colt's sixth stakes win on a resume that included the Grade 1 Turf Classic and the Virginia Derby-G3.

Monmouth Park's Salvator Mile has yielded a number of top stallions, including Smart Strike and Distorted Humor. Flower Alley also made his mark, as sire of champion and dual classic winner I'll Have Another.

Henny Hughes and English Channel have made their own marks, as their best runners are Beholder and The Pizze Man, respectively.

■ One of the year's top novice steeplechase horses, Good Night Shirt, recorded his first stakes victory in Colonial Downs' David L. Zeke Ferguson Memorial-G3. The Maryland-bred owned by Ann and Sonny Via improved to 3-for-10 over jumps, with \$120,500 earned since making his jump debut in April 2005.

■ Breeder/owner Cary Jackson won back-to-back championships at the MHBA Yearling Show. His only entry for the second win was a Louis Quatorze colt which caught the eye of trainer, and show judge, Tim Ritchey.

Another colt Ritchey liked was the winner of Class III, a More Than Ready colt exhibited by Dark Hollow Farm.

The More Than Ready colt was Ready's Image, a graded stakes winner at 2 and a Maryland-bred champion.

25 years ago

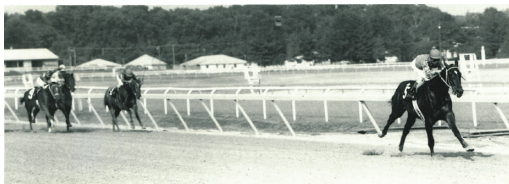
■ Jim Ryan's Ryehill Farm, breeder of 1983 Belmont Stakes winner Caveat, got another classic win far from home. Jet Ski Lady, a *Vaguely Noble filly sold as a weanling at the 1988 Ryehill dispersal for \$335,000, shocked the racing world in the Epsom Oaks-G1 at odds of 50-1—becoming the longest-priced winner in more than 150 years.

The Maryland-bred filly descended from stakes winner Bemis Heights, whom Ryan purchased for \$30,000 at the 1976 Eastern Fall Yearling sale. When bred to *Nijinsky II, Bemis Heights produced Bemissed, winner of the Grade 1 Selima and the dam of Jet Sky Lady.

■ Allaire duPont's 1989 Maryland-bred champion 2-year-old filly

Crowned, winless as a 3-year-old in 11 starts, rebounded in her 4-year-old campaign, the highlight a victory in the Grade 2 Delaware Handicap. It was the fourth stakes win for the daughter of Chief's Crown.

■ West Virginia freshman sire Weshaam had a smashing first stakes winner when Coin Collector dominated Laurel's Primer Breeders' Cup Stakes, winning by 11 lengths. The win was a family affair—James W. Casey owned the sire, son John Casey bred and owned Coin Collec-



West Virginia-bred Coin Collector remained undefeated in winning Laurel's Primer Breeders' Cup for the Casey family.

tor in partnership with Dudley Skinker, and son James M. Casey trained the gelding, who won his only other start by 10 lengths.

■ One of Pennsylvania's all-time greats, Yankee Affair, died from complications after surgery to repair a fractured pastern sustained during a workout at Belmont Park. "It was supposed to be a simple surgery to put a screw in there, and then he would be retired," said trainer and part-owner Henry Carroll. But when the anesthesia began to wear off, the 9-year-old gelding thrashed around and fractured his other leg.

Bred by Marshall Jenney, and sold as a yearling at Timonium for \$10,200, Yankee Affair won 22 races and retired as the richest Pennsylvania-bred runner of all time with \$2,282,156. His 15 stakes wins included the Grade 1 Turf Classic, Man o' War Stakes and United Nations Handicap.

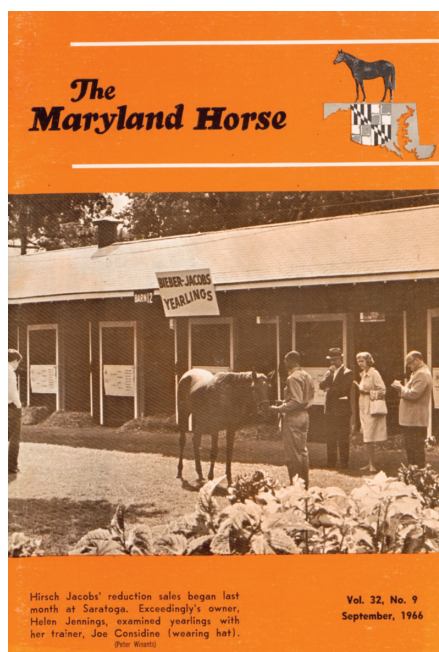
50 years ago

■ Hall of Fame trainer Hirsch Jacobs' vast operation was undergoing a reduction across the country, with the first horses being sold at Saratoga and Timonium. But Bill Albright, manager of Jacobs' Stymie Manor Farm near Monkton, Md., pointed out "He'll still need Stymie Manor. We'll still have a lot of yearlings to break. He's not getting out of the business."

The reason for the 64-year-old Jacobs cutting back, after being the nation's leading trainer by number of wins 11 times, the world's leading trainer by lifetime victories and the world's leading breeder since 1964, was due to his physician's recommendations.

His 15 Maryland-based mares were being offered for sale at Timonium in September. He owned 85 mares in partnership with Isidor Bieber, and all but Affectionately would be sold at auctions that fall.

■ The first phase of the Bieber-Jacobs reduction—consisting of 35 horses of racing age and 18 yearlings—was held at



Saratoga in August. "Approximately one-third of Bieber-Jacobs stock went for \$1,850,700" reported *The Maryland Horse*.

A number of Mid-Atlantic buyers were actively bidding, led by the collaboration between New Jersey "platinum king" Charles W. Engelhard and Virginian

Paul Mellon on the purchase Hail to Reason's 4-year-old daughter Admiring for \$310,000, a price which established a world record for a horse sold at public auction. The half-sister to Affectionately was immediately sent to Mellon's Rokeby Farm to join the broodmare band.

The two giants of racing bred Admiring's first three foals in partnership until Engelhard's death in 1971. Her best foal was born two years later, when to the cover of Graustark she produced Glowing Tribute. The Broodmare of the Year produced seven stakes winners, six graded, for Mellon, including Kentucky Derby-G1 winner Sea Hero.

■ Bolstered by major reductions and dispersals, the biggest sale in Maryland history would be conducted in Timonium at the end of September. More than 450 horses were to be auctioned over five days. The first night's mixed sale was made up of consignments from Bieber-Jacobs, Larry MacPhail's Glenangus Farm and Newmarket Syndicate, and Ephraim Winer's Hill-N-Dale Farm. The Eastern Fall Yearling Sale would be held the other four days. Fasig-Tipton Company was conducting the sales under the auspices of the Maryland Horse Breeders Association.



Black Caddy and Lieut. Fred J. Hughes Jr. flew high in competition.

75 years ago

■ One of the best show jumpers in Maryland was Lieut. Fred J. Hughes Jr.'s Black Caddy, a 14-year-old son of the *Rock Sand stallion Tea Caddy and Peter Pan's daughter Fenagh Maid. Among his exploits was winning the "skyscraper event" at the Columbus Horse Show,

clearing a 6'6½" jump. It was noted that the stallion had "numerous sons and daughters who now compete with their sire."

■ Among the 163 nominees for the 11th running of the Maryland Futurity, to be run at Laurel in October, was Alfred Vanderbilt's Arlington Lassie Stakes winner Petrify, and Mrs. Robert Heighe's Pony Ballet, winner of the Polly Drummond Stakes at Delaware Park.

Vanderbilt, seeking his third win in the race, had nominated 15, seven by his own stallion Discovery. With a total of 17 nominees, Discovery tied for the most 2-year-olds on the list with *Aethelstan II and *Kantar.

Not eligible (as she was not by a Maryland stallion) was Breckinridge Long's Equipet, a Maryland-bred daughter of Equipoise ranked among the best juveniles of the year. The chestnut filly did however appear on the cover of that month's *The Maryland Horse*.

■ Humphrey S. Finney's busy travel schedule included more than a week in upstate New York. His Editor's Saddlebag post for Aug. 4 while in Saratoga: "Training, yearlings, racing, yearlings again and then the sales after dinner will be the next few days' routine. Tonight's sale has

been the season's first, and a good strong market was evident. In fact it has been the best first night that I recall. It is hoped the market keeps up this way."

The sale concluded on Aug. 8 with this observation from Finney: "Despite the big prices. . . it looks as though there were but four or five stallions whose yearlings will consistently top their stud fees in price."

■ Ralph Allen, president of the Washington Horse Breeders Association based in Seattle, sent a letter offering an update about the fledgling organization.

Allen's father had a meeting with Finney the previous fall, which resulted in the Washington breeders asking for and obtaining copies of the Maryland Horse Breeders Association's Articles of Incorporation and the By-laws. "Our Association was on Sept. 29, 1940, incorporated under the laws of the state of Washington with its articles and by-laws very closely approximating those of your fine association," wrote Allen.

"It is our sincere hope that within the next few years our state will be producing horses of the calibre that your fine state is producing. If it does. . . I hope that your Association will feel some small measure of pride in realizing that it 'had a hand' indirectly in the organization of our Association."

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Churchill Downs—Sept. 16 to Oct. 2

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Delta Downs—Oct. 19 to March 11

Ellis Park—July 2 to Sept. 5

Finger Lakes—April 16 to Nov. 30

Golden Gate Fields—Aug. 17 to Sept. 20

Gulfstream Park—April 1 to Oct. 1

Hastings—April 17 to Oct. 16

Hawthorne—Oct. 7 to Dec. 31

Indiana Grand—April 19 to Oct. 29

Keeneland—Oct. 7 to Oct. 29

Kentucky Downs—Sept. 3 to Sept. 15

Los Alamitos—Sept. 8 to Sept. 25

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The November Sale, Fasig-Tipton Kentucky,
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Parx Racing, Bensalem, Pa. (610) 444-1050;
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Tryon International, Mill Springs, N.C. Oct. 2.

Genesee Valley, Genesee, N.Y. Oct. 8.

Virginia Fall, Middleburg, Va. Oct. 8.

Far Hills, Far Hills, N.J. Oct. 15.

International Gold Cup, The Plains, Va. Oct. 22.

Aiken Fall, Aiken, S.C. Oct. 29.

Callaway, Pine Mountain, Ga. Nov. 5.

Montpelier, Montpelier Station, Va. Nov. 5.

Pennsylvania Hunt Cup, Unionville, Pa. Nov. 6.

Charleston Cup, Charleston, S.C. Nov. 13.

Colonial Cup, Camden, S.C. Nov. 19.

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By Vinnie Perrone

Waiting for the blacksmith, the vet, post time for your horse's race? Maybe you just have a little time on your hands. Regardless, try this acrostic puzzle, created by writer (and word puzzler) Vinnie Perrone. Not quite a crossword puzzle, a little more than Sudoku, an acrostic tests your knowledge of racing and other trivia. When you're done, the puzzle reveals a quote from the *Mid-Atlantic Thoroughbred* archives and the speaker's name/topic. Solution provided next month.

HOW TO SOLVE: Define clues in Words column. Transfer letters to diagram. Quotation reads across; first letters of Words column, vertically, form acrostic of speaker's name and topic. **NOTE:** The puzzle contains no punctuation.

CLUES

WORDS

- A. Quieted
51 129 34 113 64 79
- B. Showed sudden rise in form, metaphorically
49 102 144 8 31
- C. Composer Arvo Part's Baltic, ex-Soviet home
103 11 37 152 84 114 56
- D. 2013 CT Classic star made \$6.5 million: 3 wds.
148 62 93 3 137 75 109 18 40 123
- E. Place in a burial chamber
107 39 122 149 15 94
- F. Earnings category shown in past performances
138 68 106 46 35 158 16 120
- G. 2010 Wood hero, fathered G1 winner Mor Spirit
100 36 77 5 154 50 126 65 89 17 116
- H. Rider's pants protector
72 20 58 136 86
- I. Footnote for one leaping slightly at the break: 2 wds.
119 82 142 69 96 10 130 55 27 104 42
- J. Make like a badly beaten favorite
33 111 60 143 91 156 48 6 23 127
- K. Phipps G1 homebred sired Solar Splendor: 2 wds.
159 38 128 73 4 140 21 57
95 14 112 30 150
- L. Old-time horse feed as hydrating laxative
88 121 66 43
- M. Abominable snowman
101 24 131 78
- N. Cod or scrod
81 47 22 67
- O. Bear toward the rail: 2 wds.
146 83 25 110 71
- P. '87 2YO filly champ, dam of Essence of Dubai
44 145 9 98 155 115 61
- Q. Recede
147 90 134
- R. Show agitation in the starting gate
132 13 59 92 41 125
- S. Race replays, in a sense
2 52 85 135 70 97
- T. Greece's capital
74 124 99 141 28 12
- U. '99 Belmont hero, a \$40K stud at Lane's End: 3 wds.
63 108 53 87 117 29 45 133 19 153 1 76
- V. Said or done jokingly: 2 wds.
139 7 32 105 80 151
- W. Sprint, like Laurel's De Francis
118 54 26 157

1 U	2 S	3 D		4 K	5 G	6 J	7 V		8 B
9 P	10 I	11 C		12 T	13 R	14 K	15 E	16 F	17 G
	18 D	19 U		20 H	21 K	22 N		23 J	24 M
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| A. Stretch out | I. Mohammed | P. Ethan Frome |
| B. Eddie Read | J. Invent | Q. Moreno |
| C. Regret | K. L'Enjoleur | R. Booth |
| D. Vetted | L. Yount | S. Ladbrokes |
| E. I Like Ike | M. Ruth | T. Al Hattab |
| F. Southwest | N. Evenly | U. Note |
| G. Four | O. Short odds | V. Chowhound |
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